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TURKEY AND PERSIA.

Disturbances on the Frontier of Asiatic Turkey.

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 17—Evening.

Dispatches from the East report that a difficulty has arisen between Turkey and Persia. Disturbances broke out upon the eastern frontier of Asiatic Turkey between the Persians and the Turks, which have led to the withdrawal of the Ambassador of the Porte from Teheran. Since these occurrences, Persia has been massing troops on her northwestern frontier.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

The Recommendations of the Peace Conference.

PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 17—Evening.

The Conference on the Eastern question is on the point of closing its sessions. It recommends Greece to accept so much of the Turkish *ultimatum* as relates to Cretan affairs, and to refer the case of the officer at Syra to the decision of the Courts; and promises that Turkey will withdraw the last point of her *ultimatum* touching the observance of international law. The Conference maintains the policy of strict non-intervention.

The latest advices from Athens show that preparations for war are actively going on in all parts of Greece. The banks of Athens have loaned the Government $20,000,000 for war purposes.

The Settlement Proposed Agreed to by Turkey.

PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 17.

The Turkish Minister has agreed to the main points of the settlement proposed by the Conference, but awaits instructions from Constantinople before signing the resolves of that body.

M. RANGABE, the representative of Greece, has informed M. LAVALETTE, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, that his instructions, from the Government at Athens, are delayed in consequence of interruptions of the telégraph.

SPAIN.

Reinforcements to be Sent to Cuba.

MADRID, Sunday Jan. 17.

The additional reinforcements for the army in Cuba will soon sail under Gen. PELAEZ.

Returns from the Provinces increase the overwhelming majority of the Government candidates elected.

ITALY.

Renewal of the Tax Riots—Action of the Military.

FLORENCE, Saturday, Jan. 16.

The riots occasioned by the attempts to collect the mill tax have been renewed recently in various parts of the Kingdom. The country today, however, is tranquil. The military force has been used freely for the suppression of these disorders. Twenty-six of the rioters have been killed and wounded.

NORTH GERMANY.

The Money Order System with the United States.

BREMEN, Saturday, Jan. 16.

On the 1st of February prox. the money order system between the large towns of North Germany and the United States will be inaugurated. The plan is to receive payments at Post Offices in the North German Union and the United States, and issue orders for the same on the agents of the North German Lloyd, the amounts to be limited to about $50, and to be calculated at a fixed rate of exchange for both countries. The arrangements will be similar to those already made by the American Post Office Department with the Government of Switzerland, except that on the American side the business will be done by the agents of the North German Lloyd instead of the Post Offices, the Post Office Department having declined to enter into the arrangement.

CUBA.

Gen. Grant Said to be in Favor of Cuban Independence.

HAVANA, Sunday, Jan. 17.

Letters received here state that Gen. GRANT and President JOHNSON are both positively in favor of Cuban independence, and that Gen. GRANT promises to aid in securing that end after his inauguration.

The neglect of the American and English Ministers at Madrid to arrange a reciprocity treaty concerning tonnage dues, which Spain conceded last June to all nations, and the advantages of which are at present enjoyed by all, excepting American and English vessels, causes American ships an additional expense of $1 per ton, thus injuring American commerce.

Commerce is languishing and mistrust and suspicion of the stability of certain houses is increasing.

The notes of the Spanish Bank are quoted at four per cent. discount. The bank is daily besieged by the populace attempting to obtain specie. The President of that institution died yesterday.

MAINE.

A Card from Senator Morrill's Friends—They Declare Mr. Hamlin Nominated Fairly.

AUGUSTA, Me., Sunday, Jan. 17.

The following is an abstract of a card just published, showing the latest state of the Senatorial contest. The signers are from Mr. MORRILL's county, which unanimously supported him in the caucus:

To Our Constituents:

That our position in reference to the Senatorial question may be fully known, we take this occasion to say that, in the caucus held Thursday evening, 7th inst., we voted for Hon. LOT M. MORRILL, and regretted that he was not at that time nominated; that at that caucus 75 ballots were cast for HON. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, and 74 for Hon. L. M. MORRILL, and one blank, cast by a member who did not intend to vote for either Mr. MORRILL or Mr. HAMLIN. By the laws of this State, by custom and usages in all representative bodies, in all caucuses and conventions, in this State, a blank piece of paper is never counted. The Committee appointed to receive, sort and count the votes, did not count the blank as a ballot. The language of their report was, that 149 ballots were cast, and then mentioned the blank, thereby excluding the idea that they regarded it as a ballot. Evidently in such a vote 75 constitutes a majority and makes an election. Had Mr. MORRILL received 75 votes and Mr. HAMLIN 74, we should have claimed that Mr. MORRILL was nominated, and expected the support of Mr. HAMLIN's friends in the election. We feel bound to concede Mr. HAMLIN what we should have claimed for Mr. MORRILL. We therefore deem it the duty, as the friends of Hon. LOT M. MORRILL, in view of all the circumstances, to advise acquiescence in the nomination of Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN to be the nominee of the caucus, and that fidelity to the established usage of party and a just regard for its insure harmony and success require us to rise above personal preferences and local attachments. We intend to support Mr. HAMLIN as the regular nominee of the Republican Party for United States Senator at the time designated by law for such election to take place.

(Signed,) WM. B. SNELL, of the Senate; EZRA KEMPTON, G. S. PALMER, S. D. RICHARDSON, MASON J. METCALF, of the House, all of Kennebec County.

Senator MORRILL arrived here last night, accompanied by Senator SPRAGUE and his wife.

TENNESSEE.

Martial Law Declared by the Legislature—Gov. Brownlow Requested to Call Out the Militia—The Agricultural College Fund.

Special Dispatch to the *New-York Times*.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Saturday, Jan. 16.

Advices received here by Gov. BROWNLOW are to the effect that the Legislature has declared martial law in the State, and requested him to call out the militia. I am warranted in stating that no hasty action will be taken by Gov. BROWNLOW, and that the militia will not be called out unless circumstances occur that will justify such a course. The Governor has determined to await further developments, and act only when he feels warranted by the facts.

The Agricultural College Fund, $300,000, has been given to the East Tennessee University, of this city.

Recent Kuklux Outrages in Different Parts of the State.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 17.

Letters have been received here by a Southern member of Congress, detailing outrages in the State of Tennessee. It is stated that two loyal men were killed in Franklin County, on the day of the election, and another taken from the jail and hung in the courtyard. The perpetrators of the acts are unknown. A letter from Shelbyville, dated Jan. 11, says that in a recent fight the Kuklux were badly whipped, but they threaten to come a thousand strong from Lincoln and Marshall Counties. They were about thirty in number, and mounted on horseback. They drove to the public square, "blowing whistles and yelling like demons." They then moved down the Murfreesboro Pike, and as they approached near Dunlop's, they were fired into and six of them wounded. Just after the Kuklux ran off, and during the excitement, a barn was set on fire. Another letter says if the Kuklux organization shall not be suppressed loyal men cannot live in Tennessee; and the writer adds:

"If in this State, with a loyal element and a BROWNLOW as Governor, you are not safe, what would you look for in the other rebel States? We have no security for life or property, and no exercise of liberty. These are facts, and Congress must do something to protect loyal citizens or they will be murdered by thousands." A letter from Aspin Hill, Tenn., says there has been scarcely a night for six months that the Kuklux have not gone somewhere in the neighborhood and taken out and hung, or shot, or whipped some one, either white or black, and have succeeded in causing such a state of terror that all the black and every white Republican scarcely dare speak of them, who say they always punish men for talking, and the citizens all wink at it through fear. But the loyal men are armed, and are, according to these letters, determined to assert their rights. Letters have been received by other members of Congress, showing the fear existing in the Southwest from the Kuklux movements, and appealing for a remedy to prevent future disturbances."

THE INDIAN WAR.

Gen. Sheridan's Movements—The War Nearly Over—Movements of the Indians in Colorado and Kansas.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 16.

Gen. SHERMAN telegraphs from St. Louis to Assistant Adjutant-Gen. TOWNSEND the following dispatch, received from Gen. SHERIDAN:

IN THE FIELD, FORT COBB, INDIAN TERRITORY, Friday, Jan. 1, 1869.

Brevet Major-Gen. W. A. Nichols, A. A. G., Military Division of the Missouri:

GENERAL: I have the honor to forward the following for the information of the Lieutenant-General commanding. The destruction of the Comanche village by Col. EVANS' command on Christmas Day gives the final blow to the backbone of the Indian rebellion. At 12 o'clock on the night of the 31st of December, a delegation of the chief fighting men of the Arapahoes and Cheyennes, twenty-one in all, arrived at this place on foot, their animals not being able to carry them. They said they ruled the village; they begged for peace and permission for their people to come in, asking no terms, but for a paper to protect them from the operations of our troops while *en route*. They report the tribes in mourning for their losses, their people starving, their dogs all eaten up, and no buffalo. We had forced them into the canyons on the eastern edge of the Stake Plains, where there is no small game or buffalo. They are in a bad fix, and desire to surrender unconditionally. I acceded to their terms and will punish them justly; and I can scarcely make an error in any punishment awarded, for they all have blood upon their hands. Yesterday we received a few papers—the first we have had for one month, and I see it alleged by Indian agents that Black Kettle's band were on their reservation at the time they were attacked. This is a falsehood. The reservation extends but thirty miles up the Washita from Fort Cobb. The battle took place 130 miles up the river. It is also alleged the band were friendly. No one could make such an assertion who had any regard for truth. The young men of this band commenced the war. I can give their names. Some of Black Kettle's band were out depredating at Fort Dodge, when the village was wiped out, the mules taken from the trains and carried off. Our murdered carriers' photographs stolen from the scene of outrages on the Solomon and Saline Rivers were found in their captured camp, and in addition I have their own illustrated history, found in the captured camp, showing the different fights or murders in which this tribe was engaged—the trains attacked, the haying parties attacked about Fort Wallace, the women, citizens and soldiers killed. It is at the service of any one desiring information on the subject. It should be known, also, that I invited Black Kettle and his family to come in through the Arapahoe Chief, Little Raven, in my interview with that Chief at Fort Dodge in September last. They did not come.

Yours, respectfully,

P. H. SHERIDAN, Major-General.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Saturday, Jan. 16.

An Omaha dispatch says it is reported that a number of the Indians recently engaged in the war in Colorado and Kansas have reached the Powder River country, where a council had been held by a large number of Chiefs. The object of the council was unknown. The Indians were quiet at Fort Fetterman, and also along the Upper Missouri River. A Denver dispatch says, a party had just returned from the pursuit of Indians in Cache la Poudre Valley, having succeeded in recapturing a hundred stolen horses and killing one Indian.

California State Fenian Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Jan. 17.

The State Convention of the Fenian Brotherhood has been in session for the past three days. A Committee of Conference has been appointed for the purpose of effecting the union of both branches of the Brotherhood on this coast. The action of the Philadelphia Congress of the Fenian Brotherhood is approved by the Convention. JOHN HAMILL has been chosen State Centre for the ensuing year.

The Legislative Council of British Columbia is discussing the question of reciprocity with the United States with closed doors.

The Kansas and Nebraska Legislatures.

ST. LOUIS, Sunday, Jan. 17.

In the Kansas Legislature yesterday, a concurrent resolution was introduced in the House, asking Congress to submit an amendment to the Constitution giving suffrage without regard to sex or color.

The Republican members of the Nebraska Legislature held a caucus on Friday night for the purpose of nominating a United States Senator, but no choice was made. Mr. TIPTON had the highest vote.

Fire in Savannah, Ga.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sunday, Jan. 17.

Fire this morning destroyed W. D. R. WILLIAMS' oil and paint store, and HUTCHINS' grain and feed store, on Bay-street. The loss was $24,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

Heavy Robbery in New-Haven Depot—$32,500 Stolen.

From the Hartford Times, Jan. 16.

One of the heaviest robberies that has taken place for some time was perpetrated in the New-Haven depot last night about 11 o'clock. Dr. W. H. M. HOWARD, of West Fairlee, Vt., had been to New-York, and returned last evening, having nearly $30,000 in bonds and greenbacks on his person. It was in pocket-books carried in the breast pockets of his coat. At New-Haven he left the cars, and stopped for the next train, which leaves there shortly after 11 o'clock. As he was getting into the cars, he was jostled by two young men, but thought nothing of the circumstance until after he had taken his seat and the cars had started. He then found that his coat had been cut open over each breast pocket, and their contents abstracted. From the right hand pocket the pickpockets took $14,000 in Government bonds, and from the left hand pocket $8,500 in greenbacks. On this side they cut through the undercoat into the pocket, but did not succeed in getting the wallet which was in it, which contained the additional sum of $10,500 in greenbacks. Over his arm Dr. HOWARD had a buffalo coat and a wolf robe, which he was carrying home, and this probably afforded the thieves a better chance to work. He suspects that he was followed from New-York by the two men. In New-Haven both the doctor and a brakeman on the train noticed them when they jostled against the former. Dr. HOWARD is a wealthy citizen of West Fairlee.

WASHINGTON.

Provisions of the Treaty Relative to the Alabama Claims—The New-York Senator—Gen. Grant to have a Reception in Baltimore.

Special Dispatches to the *New-York Times*.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 17.

The protocol for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims, which was announced in these dispatches yesterday as having been sent to the Senate on Friday, was not referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations that day because there was no Executive session. The copy sent in by Mr. SEWARD is not the official copy signed by Earl CLARENDON and Reverdy JOHNSON on Friday. When the protocol was originally agreed upon between STANLEY and JOHNSON, it was signed in duplicate and both copies forwarded to Mr. SEWARD. On one he noted his amendments, as printed in the TIMES of Dec. 1, and returned it to Mr. JOHNSON. The other he retained, and has added the changes and modifications which have been agreed upon since. This copy is sent in for the use of the Committee in order to facilitate its consideration. The official copy signed by JOHNSON and CLARENDON will be here in about a week. With reference to the character of the treaty, your correspondent is able to state positively that the British Government yielded one after the other, though with much reluctance on some features, all the material points insisted upon by Mr. SEWARD, and that the negotiations have finally terminated favorably on the basis of the instructions originally issued by him. The text of the treaty, and nearly all the details of the settlement, are almost identical with the Convention of 1853. Its main features are: *First*—Provision for a convention for the settlement of all claims arising between the two Governments since 1853. *Second*—A Joint Commission to be composed of two Commissioners to be appointed by each Government. *Third*—A majority of said Commission to be sufficient to decide any case. *Fourth*—Where the Commission cannot agree on any case it is to be reported back to their respective Governments, and an umpire selected by them. The selection so made to be ratified by the Senate. *Fifth*—If this be not done within six months after a case is so reported, each party in the Commission to select the name of an arbitrator, and the decision to be made by lot. *Sixth*—All cases finally adjudicated by our Admiralty Courts excepted from the jurisdiction of the Commission. *Seventh*—The neutrality to be shown to the satisfaction of the Commission of all British subjects submitting claims growing out of losses during the war. *Eighth*—The Joint Commission to hold its sessions in the City of Washington. These are the main features of the protocol. Secretary SEWARD looks upon it as a very successful result, inasmuch as it is an agreement in almost every respect on what he submitted as the demands of this Government. He thinks its successful negotiation ought to relieve Reverdy JOHNSON from many of the imputations cast upon him by the American public and Press. What the Senate will think remains to be seen. It will receive a very thorough and a very able discussion. Accompanying this treaty were two others, negotiated some time since by Mr. JOHNSON, to wit, one defining the question of citizenship and of expatriation, and the other settling the San Juan Island boundary question.

THE NOMINATION OF GOV. FENTON.

The news of the nomination of Gov. FENTON over Gov. MORGAN was received here at a late hour last night, and was the subject of many expressions of sincere regret. Senator MORGAN has rendered himself so popular in both branches of Congress, as well as in society here, that his retirement is universally deplored. Senator FENTON will be cordially received, and that he will creditably represent the State, no one doubts; but the pernicious system of rotation, as well as the unwise demands of locality, which have so long worked to the injury of New-York in the national legislative councils, seem to be as strong as ever. The people of that State last Summer threw away the Speakership of the Forty-first Congress, and now they exchange a Senator, who has just begun to have potential influence in Congress, for one who must serve six years as MORGAN has done before he can achieve like position and influence. Probably by the time he becomes really valuable, somebody else will have a hungry set of retainers, and he will be set aside. The State of New-York has yet to learn what Massachusetts and South Carolina practiced for thirty years, and what the former fatill practices, achieving thereby more prominence and more influence in legislation than any other State in the Union.

GOLD-INTEREST BONDS.

Senator MORTON, in the Senate, and Gen. BUTLER, in the House, will to-morrow introduce resolutions prohibiting the national depositary banks from taking up their gold interest bonds deposited as collateral for Government moneys, and putting in their place currency interest bearing bonds of the Pacific Railroad issues. This has already been done to the extent of two-thirds of the entire amount of bonds on deposit.

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. GRANT.

Gen. GRANT has finally accepted the invitation of the Baltimore Unionists to receive at their hands the compliment of a public reception. For this purpose he will leave Washington on Thursday of this week, and arriving in Baltimore, he will become the guest of WM. J. ALBERT, at whose house he will hold a public reception on Thursday night. On Friday he will visit the places of prominent interest in the city, and also attend the meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund. On Saturday he will return to this city. Admiral FARRAGUT and other distinguished officers of the army, as well as the navy, will also visit the Monumental City at the same time.

THE ADMISSION OF GEORGIA.

The Senate Judiciary Committee have not yet definitely settled on the question of the admission of the Georgia Senators to their seats in Congress. The subject has been frequently discussed in Committee, and no report in reference to it will be presented for a few days.

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

There is a general desire in Congress to take immediate action on the amendment to the Constitution regulating the suffrage. There can be no question as to its passage by both Houses of Congress, after which it will be submitted to the States. A prominent Senator said to-night, "I have no doubt that a sufficient number of the States will ratify it. The Legislatures will be glad to strike it out of future canvasses, and I think we shall have the whole subject disposed of this year."

TAXATION OF BONDS.

At a consultation of the Justices of the Supreme Court on Saturday it was decided to render a decision in all the cases now before the Court involving the question of the taxation of the United States bonds and certificates of indebtedness. The decision will be read to-morrow by the Chief Justice at the opening of the Court.

THE AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

The Government Printer, Mr. DEFREES, announces that the Agricultural Report for 1867 will be ready on the 25th inst., and that he can supply the demand at the rate of about 2,000 per day. He has not yet sent in his estimates for the printing of the Congressional debates, but will do so next week.

VIRGINIA RECONSTRUCTION.

Secretary SEWARD gave a dinner party last evening, at which were present Gen. GRANT, Mr. THORNTON, the English Minister, the French Minister, and the members of the Virginia delegation, who are here endeavoring to secure the admittance of the State on some less objectionable basis than that imposed by the Underwood Constitution. Gen. GRANT and Mr. SEWARD are understood to be favorable to their propositions, viz., universal amnesty for impartial suffrage. It has been informally agreed upon by the delegation and those who supported the Underwood Constitution that the objectionable features of that instrument, particularly the disfranchisement clause, shall be stricken out; so that in all probability Virginia will be admitted to representation in Congress before the close of the present session of Congress.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday, Jan. 17.

A BARK LOST AT SEA.

The United States Consul at St. Thomas, under date of Dec. 30, has advised the Department of State of the loss of the bark *Costarelle*, bound from Turk's Island to Boston. She experienced bad weather, sprang a leak, and the pumps getting out of order, she was abandoned. The Master and crew were brought to St. Thomas by the British schooner *Champion*.

THE COLORED SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. ISAIAH WEIR, of Pennsylvania, Chairman; GEO. T. DOWNING, Rhode Island; Capt. G. A. HACKETT, Maryland; JAMES M. SIMMONS, Georgia; JNO. F. COOK, District of Columbia; J. W. STRINGER, Illinois, and JOHN DE BAPTIST, Mississippi, the Committee appointed by the National Colored Men's Convention to seek an interview with the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, waited upon that Committee yesterday, and were received in a most cordial manner. Mr. WEIR addressed the Committee at length, stating fully the wishes of the Convention and the people he represented relative to their condition, and most respectfully urged upon them the importance of taking speedy action in the matter of the enfranchisement of colored people North and West. Mr. DOWNING respectfully urged upon the Committee the necessity of Congress passing an act providing that in payment of bounties to colored soldiers no distinction on account of former condition shall be made; but that those borne on the muster roll as slaves shall receive the same bounties allowed to other soldiers for the same period and term of service. The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, in replying to the address of Mr. WEIR, assured them that Congress was fully alive to the question of equal rights, and would not fail to take action in the matter in a short time. Regarding the bounty question, they were instructed to seek an interview with the Committee on Military Affairs, whom they were assured would render satisfaction in the matter. The interview was a pleasant one, lasting for about an hour, and concluded evidently to the satisfaction of all.

MARINE LIGHT.

The Lighthouse Board has official information that a flash light is now exhibited from a lighthouse on the plateau Des Roche Donvres, north coast of France. The light is elevated one hundred and forty-four feet above high water, and in clear weather should be seen a distance of fourteen miles.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

The Department of Agriculture furnishes estimates in detail of the corn and cotton crops of last year, as follows:

CORN—Are unable to figure out the 1,000,000,000 of bushels promised by sanguine calculators. A handsome increase upon last year of 137,000,000 bushels, if not all that could be desired at the present time, affords an aggregate of 67,000,000 of bushels larger than in 1859 (without including the Pacific States, which are unsuited to corn production,) but a decrease in proportion to the population. Illinois, of course, heads the list of States with about one-seventh of the entire population, and an increase of about sixteen per cent. in nine years—a good result, though barely abreast with the increase of population. The following is the estimate of bushels: Maine, 1,596 000; New-Hampshire, 1,511 000; Vermont, 1,672,000; Massachusetts, 2,292,000; Rhode Island, 346,000; Connecticut, 2,182,000; New-York, 20,910,000; New-Jersey, 10,216,000; Pennsylvania, 31,979,000; Delaware, 2,175,000; Maryland, 12,849,000; Virginia, 19,969 000; North Carolina, 23,366,000; South Carolina, 9,870,000; Georgia, 27,294,000; Florida, 2,950,000; Alabama, 31,240,000; Mississippi, 35,519,000; Louisiana, 17,397,000; Texas, 21 337,000; Arkansas, 32,449,000; Tennessee, 54,772,000; West Virginia, 7,695,000; Kentucky, 68,187,000; Missouri, 60,967,000; Illinois, 134 353,000; Indiana, 90,832,000; Ohio, 74,040,000; Michigan, 18,815,000; Wisconsin, 12,565,000; Minnesota, 8,255,000; Iowa, 65,332,000; Kansas, 6,487,000; Nebraska, 3,185,000. Total, 905,178,000.

COTTON—Since the reception of the October returns, local reports from cotton sections have been much more favorable, especially in the Southwest, where the result, in comparison with the acreage planted, is better than in any preceding season since the trial of free labor. Picking has been unexpectedly prolonged, and the Autumn was favorable. While the area in cotton was somewhat less than in 1867, the culture was better, and in all the States west of Alabama the yield was far better, with less drawback and casualty, though the reverse was the case in all the more Eastern cotton States. Yet it is the West that tells upon the result. Mississippi once produced 1,250,000 bales. The following estimate, which is assuredly below rather than above the actual yield, is not made for districts or cotton ports, as is generally done in commercial reports, but for States separately. Bales—North Carolina, 140,000; South Carolina, 180,000; Georgia, 290,000; Mississippi, 400,000; Louisiana, 260,000; Florida, 35,000; Alabama, 285,000; Texas, 350,000; Arkansas, 265,000; Tennessee, 200,000; other States, 75,000. Total—2,380,000.

THE WRECK OF THE GULF CITY.

The Steamship Runs Ashore on Cape Lookout, and is Dashed in Pieces.—Twenty-two Lives Lost.—Names of the Three Survivors.

From the Wilmington (N. C.) Star, Jan. 16.

The survivors from the wreck of this steamship were, yesterday morning, brought into this port on board of the *W. P. Clyde*, from New York, commanded by D. P. MORGAN.

From the mate of the *Clyde* and from the unfortunate men themselves, we have learned full particulars. The *Gulf City* was a steamship that plied between New-York and Galveston, Texas. Her captain was JAMES STEWART, whose family lives in Connecticut. The vessel was owned by PHILIP DATER & Co., of Wall-street, New-York. The cargo was principally cotton. The *Gulf City* cleared from New-York about the 22d of November, and made a prosperous voyage to Galveston, which point she left New-Year's Day. The lapse of time between the two dates would intimate that her trip was a delayed one. Her return voyage as far as Key West was without incident, and she departed from that place Thursday, the 7th inst. Fair winds and a smooth sea were her portion for a few days, and she appeared to be in a propitious mood. With Monday came a tolerably brisk gale, and the night was dark and cloudy. Toward 8 or 9 o'clock it became impossible to control the direction of the vessel, and at 10 o'clock she ran ashore on the shoals of Cape Lookout, and was, in a few hours, dashed to pieces by the breakers.

At 2 o'clock, she was a complete wreck, and the moans of the dying mingled with the clashing of the broken timbers, were so terrible as to create a shudder in the most resolute, and to evoke a prayer from the most hardened. All was confusion, and each moment the gaping sea claimed its victim. The majority there found watery a grave; while others, clinging with desperation to the shattered, floating pieces of the wreck, escaped momentary death and were thus enabled to offer a few prayers ere their agonizedg hearts ceased in their pulsations and their bruised bodies sank beneath the stormy waters of the Atlantic.

Of twenty-five human beings, but three remain to tell the sad story, and to weep for the fate of their comrades. Among the number who were drowned, was a passenger—a gentleman—whose name we could not ascertain. Many left families, and among others the Captain.

The three men who were saved are named PATRICK MOCARE, from Jersey City, and ANTHONY THOMAS and HENRY MCCARDLE, from New-York. When the ship was rent asunder, these three men were so fortunate as to cling firmly to a portion of the deck. Their dangerous, uncertain lifeguard was nothing save several planks nailed together, and not more than ten feet long and eight feet wide. On this frail craft they were tossed about for forty-eight hours, without food or water, without means to steer their course, without any promise of relief, and totally at the mercy of the treacherous waves. Five, who bore them company, gradually expired, and when the *W. P. Clyde* passed by, but three half-starved men remained to receive the needed succor.

At this time they were floating toward the open sea, and were a dozen miles from the scene of disaster. The officers of the *Clyde* report the spot as off Cape Lookout, N. W., and distant twelve miles. This opportune relief from drowning or starvation was on Wednesday afternoon last, at about 2 o'clock. When carried on board of the *Clyde*, the poor sailors were only partially clad, and were rapidly declining from weakness. They are now in this city, stopping at the Seaman's Home, and show many signs of the terrible ordeal through which they have gone. They desire us to return to the officers and crew of the *W. P. Clyde*, their warmest and most grateful thanks, and they speak in touching tones of the kindness extended to them. The more than called for humanity of Capt. MORGAN and crew deserves and will receive approbation from all.

A subscription paper in aid of these destitute sailors will be presented to our citizens, and we believe they will nobly respond to the call. Two of the men are married, and their families are dependent for a support on their exertions, and here amid strangers—just escaped from death—without money—they will doubtless meet with the sympathy that benevolence ever offers to the unfortunate, and will receive the assistance that generosity ever extends to the suffering.

UNITED STATES SENATOR.

The Senatorial Caucus—Nomination of Reuben E. Fenton—The Means by which it was Accomplished.—Exultation of the Fenton Men and What is to Come of it.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Sunday, Jan. 17, 1869.

The Senatorial caucus last evening resulted, contrary to general expectation, in the nomination of REUBEN E. FENTON. The ten or a dozen merchantable members who have been striving so hard during the past to make up their minds how to vote, finally took advantage of the secret ballot to vote as they pleased.

The caucus met in the Assembly Chamber at 7:30 P. M., and appointed Mr. SELKREG, the Morgan candidate for Speaker, Chairman. By resolution of the Fenton Committee of the Assembly, previously adopted, all reporters were excluded from the floor, and were therefore obliged to look for such accommodations as they could find in the over-crowded gallery. The roll-call showed all the Republican members of both Houses present, and, on motion of Mr. BEMUS, the caucus proceeded at once to a formal ballot. Judge CAMPBELL, of Otsego, in a speech highly complimentary to both candidates, put in nomination REUBEN E. FENTON. Mr. TREMAIN, of Tioga, followed with the nomination of E. D. MORGAN. Speeches eulogistic of both nominees were then made in abundance. Speaker YOUNGLOVE, La Bau and others indorsing the first, and Mr. HECKERMAN and Senator FOLGER the last. FENTON's orators, however, did the larger share of the talking, and had the advantage of a packed gallery to applaud every mention of their candidate's name. Messrs. ELY, of the Assembly, and THAYER, of the Senate, were then appointed tellers, and the first ballot was taken.

On counting the votes it appeared that ninety-three had been cast, and the Chair was about to announce the result, when Senator FOLGER called attention to the fact that there was one more ballot than voters, which clearly vitiated the ballot, and he moved that the caucus proceed to ballot a second time. The Chair was called on to announce how the vote stood, but it was objected to, and was not done. It was soon whispered over the chamber, however, that FENTON had fifty votes, MORGAN forty-two, and blank one. Some discussion followed as to whether the blank vote was not clearly a mistake which ought not to vitiate the ballot. But it was finally agreed to take a second ballot. Mr. HALM moved that the second vote be taken *viva voce*, which would prevent any accidental or intentional mistake. The Fenton men vehemently opposed this motion, and it was lost. A second ballot was then taken, and the result declared to be fifty-two for FENTON and forty for MORGAN. The result was greeted with the wildest applause by the galleries, and it was a long time before they would let up so as to permit Mr. TREMAIN to move that the nomination be made unanimous.

The caucus passed off very harmoniously, but the extraordinary zeal, betrayed on several occasions during the proceedings by Speaker YOUNGLOVE, has materially damaged his reputation for fairness and impartiality, and every Morgan man is now convinced of what many of them before suspected, that the announcement of the Assembly Committees has been kept back with a view to influence the Senatorial caucus, and that they have been made largely instrumental in contributing to the result achieved to-night. FENTON's friends were jubilant over the issue, and turned out in full force to congratulate him with a serenade.

But their hero was taken suddenly ill after hearing of his success in the caucus, and was obliged to respond to the serenaders by deputy. Gen. COCHRANE, Ex-Speaker LITTLEJOHN, WALDO HUTCHINGS and C. M. DEPEW appeared in turn on the balcony of the Delevan House as spokesman for him. Subsequently, FENTON appeared in person before a delegation of his friends in one of the parlors, and briefly thanked them for the support he had received in the past as well as in the present trying emergency. The feeling against Speaker YOUNGLOVE is getting very bitter, and a row is expected when he announces his committees. The different candidates for Chairmanship of Committees have discovered, on comparing notes since the caucus, that a dozen or more have been promised the Chairmanship of each position in the gift of the Speaker. So much dissatisfaction is there that it will hardly be safe to announce the Committees before the Senator is elected, lest there should be a bolt, and, accordingly, it is reported today that they will not be announced till Wednesday next.

It is now patent to every one that the formation of the Committees has been the great power wielded to secure the success of FENTON, and that the MORGAN men should have made their grand fight on the Speakership. As legislation is conducted here the Chairmanship of any one of the leading committees is deemed to have "more money in it" than any member could expect to get from a candidate for the United States Senatorship were he ever so lavish, and accordingly the construction of those Committees involved the most potent arguments that could be used for or against a candidate. In the contest for Speakership, Mr. YOUNGLOVE was the first choice of a large number of Morgan men, and Mr. SELKREG withdrew under the assurance, and in the general belief that YOUNGLOVE would not use the powers of his official position to influence the Senatorial contest. The confidence is proved to have been misplaced, and the man who has come out of the Senatorial contest with the worst damaged reputation is the new Speaker. He is charged with not only betraying confidence and belying his previous reputation, but with obstructing and needlessly betraying the public legislative business for which he and all his associates were sent to Albany. The best part of the first month's session has passed, and nothing has been done, because the Speaker refused to appoint his Committees, in order—as is now believed—that he might advance the interests of his favorite for the United States Senatorship.

The success of FENTON is construed by his friends here as a guarantee that they are to have all the fat berths, both Federal and State, in the gift of the party. They have already commenced to parcel out among themselves the offices in New-York City and elsewhere, and seem to take it for granted that FENTON is to be omnipotent with the incoming President, and sole arbiter of the fortunes of all members of the Republican Party in the State of New-York. If they pursue their victory in the same spirit, and with the same tactics wherewith it has been won, it may well be doubted whether it is not the last victory of the Republican Party in this State. S.

The Tragedy in Green County, Wis.

A correspondent of the Chicago *Post* gives the following particulars of the tragedy in Monroe, Green County, Wis., of which mention was made in our telegrams: PATRICK CROTTY, an Irishman, seduced a young serving woman named ANGELINE SNOYER, some two years since, and a long suit followed about the maintenance of the child. The girl's father proposed, on her behalf, to settle the matter for an indemnity of $300 and costs of the suit. CROTTY had come to the Monroe House, where ANGELINA was working, to make payment and take a receipt in full. Here a dispute occurred, CROTTY claiming that the amount should be only $300 in all. CROTTY was quite boisterous in his language, frequently going out to stimulate himself with liquor. The girl also slipped out, procurred a pistol, and on his approaching her with insulting language, and, some say, with violent gestures, she fired, the ball entering his abdomen and passing entirely through him, lodging near the skin at the back. He uttered an exclamation, hastened to his sleigh and attempted to drive home, but soon sunk down and died.

CROTTY had married only a few weeks since, and the controversy has been more fierce since that time.

An inquest was held on his body by S. W. ABBOTT, Justice of the Peace, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts already stated. The sympathy of the public is strongly with the woman who is now in jail.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

Prospects of the New Year—The Spirit of Flunkeyism—Mr. John Bright—Holiday Incidents and Spectacles—Two Dramatists—Charles Dickens.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1869.

The new year does not open amid prospects of the brightest kind for Europe. The shadow of war still hangs heavily over almost every nation of the old world, and although the oracle of France has uttered words of peace, yet no one is reassured. Sometimes the oracles themselves fail to foresee the course of events. NAPOLEON may truly desire peace, but almost any of the combinations which now provide occupation for the diplomatic circle may force him into war. He at least cannot afford to undergo any loss of prestige. Russia is standing by, watching with wary glances the changes which seem to be impending in the condition of the "sick man." A Peace Congress is talked of, but in such an extremity as the present, Peace Congresses have never yet prevented war. The bias of European opinion is undoubtedly against Greece in her quarrel with Turkey, and everybody professes to be astonished that so small a Power should have the impertinence to create a disturbance. It is clearly her duty to submit for the sake of peace and quietness. The man of humble means who lives near grand neighbors is generally expected, in this part of the world, to keep himself out of sight as much as possible, and to avoid making a fuss. Nevertheless, Greece appears to have her own ideas of her duty to herself and to others. She seems determined to fight Turkey. It is very "insolent," no doubt, but the Greeks in old times used not to be particular in counting their foes. If Lord BYRON were living now, the English people would be likely to hear another side of the Greco-Turkish question.

We shall probably keep out of war, whatever may happen, but if we review our domestic affairs, we do not find much consolation. We have a Liberal Ministry in power, but it has immediately before it a task which cannot be accomplished without a general pouring out of the waters of strife. The state of our laboring population cannot be called satisfactory. Work is scarce, and the great pressure of competition for it becomes more and more embarrassing. Very soon there will be thousands of homes in Lancashire short of food; for the cotton-mills are obliged to go on half time in consequence of the depressed state of the market. By limiting the production, the manufacturers hope to revive the demand for cotton goods. But they cannot limit the production of months to be fed, although Mr. JOHN STUART MILL has proved that in that measure only lies our only hope of being able to permanently diminish pauperism. Poor people have children—very many children, as a rule—and somebody must keep those children, for the parents cannot. Hence workhouses, relieving officers and poor rates; hence, too, the fact that in this metropolis alone £7,000,000 a year is distributed for the relief of distress and in other charitable works.

TOADYISM.

The *Times* has thought the present moment a very seasonable one for reiterating an idea which has always been a great favorite with the conductors of that journal, and which it clings to now more earnestly than ever. It is that, whatever other institutions may be in jeopardy, the aristocracy and the landed interest are safe. The *Times* bases its belief on the innate snobbishness of Englishmen. They love a Lord; therefore they will never lay sacrilegious hands upon the House of Lords. They are proud of being on a Squire's estate, and therefore they will have nothing to do with those who seek to abolish primogeniture. It is quite true that this spirit of flunkeyism is very strong in England, and any observer who reasoned upon our affairs without taking it into account would mislead himself. If you can go into a shop here and ask to look at any article, the chances are ten to one that the tradesman will not seek to recommend it on its own merits, but that he will think it quite sufficient to say "Lord Softhead bought one of the very same pattern of me last week." Now this man probably denounces the aristocracy as freely as Mr. GOLDWIN SMITH himself when he is among his own set, but the instinct of toadyism is strong within him. The other day I had occasion to talk to a bootmaker. I said—"These boots do not fit." Bootmaker—"Well

The Sun-Dork Times, Monday January 18, 1869.

OUR NATURALIZATION LAWS.

How They are Viewed Abroad—Utter Worthlessness of Naturalization Certificates—A certificate to character, a certificate to birth, but not to citizenship—Consequent Embarrassments in the Enforcement of the Rights of Property—Letter from Baron Gerolt—Letter from Now-Hampshire.

QUINCY SQUAB (COQUALAR.)
QUINCY, Mass., Oct. 31, 1868.

Hon. James W. Paulson, Manual, N. H.:

DEAR SIR: That the responsible portion of the Press should be as unanimous as to earthquakes, or any reform by pointing out with such unanimity that United States Courts only should make issue certificates of naturalization. That intelligent State Courts should make United States citizens is an anomaly that I never could account for,—rather, I should say, an anomaly that is so absurd on the face of it that I wonder that so many people, however, have given a moment's consideration to it. But the anomaly is now fairly before the people, and I trust will be kept there until it is abolished. We have no good ground to complain of neighboring countries for their illiberality in granting certificates of naturalization, so far as the certificate is concerned, but we have a right to complain of the loose manner in which certificates are issued, and of the worthlessness of the certificate when issued. Nothing is more common than for persons to obtain certificates of naturalization who have never been within the limits of the United States, and who have never intended to become citizens. Certificates of naturalization are issued to persons who have been in the United States but a few days, and who have never intended to become citizens. Certificates of naturalization are issued to persons who have been in the United States for years

was filed in February, 1859. The State of Missouri complains that the State of Kentucky, since Jan. 1, 1867, has unlawfully claimed and exercised jurisdiction over Wolf Island, in the Mississippi River, forming a part of the territory of the State of Missouri. It is alleged that the States are bounded at the point in question by the main channel of the river, and that the island was at the time their boundaries were fixed, and still is, on the Western or Missouri side of the channel. The bill prays that the rightful boundaries in respect of the island may be ascertained and established by the decree of the Court, and that the jurisdiction and sovereignty of Missouri may be restored and her title to the island quieted; and that Kentucky be enjoined from any further exercise of authority or jurisdiction in the premises.

Gov. Magoffin, on behalf of the State of Kentucky, in December of the same year, filed answer, setting up that the State of Kentucky, since her admission into the Union, has always claimed Wolf Island to be within her territorial limits and jurisdiction, as derived from the State of Virginia, of which she originally formed a part. The answer avers that the island lies opposite to and forms a part of Hickman County, an original county of the State, and that it has been held and occupied by citizens and residents of the State, who have exercised the rights and privileges guaranteed by the State, by the payment of taxes and the exercise of the elective franchise. It also appears from the answer that in 1861 a resident of the island was elected to the Lower House of the General Assembly of the State, and served in that capacity during the session of 1861-3, and that this island was entered in the proper office in Virginia as vacant land lying within the territorial limits of the State as early as 1782. Also, that in January, 1836, the Legislature of Kentucky passed an act to protect the actual and bona fide settlers on this island, among others within the limits of the State, and that in February, 1837, another act was passed by which Commissioners were appointed to make a sale of all of the islands of the State in the Mississippi, including the island in controversy, and which was designated in the act as No. 6, and known as Wolf Island, and a sale thereof was subsequently made, under the authority of that act, the owners now claiming title under it. The answer denies that the island now or ever was within the territorial limits of the State of Missouri, and all the other allegations of the complaint. Evidence has been taken in the case from time to time since issue was joined, and the Commissioners for that purpose are still so engaged. The matter was now before the Court on a motion to modify an order previously made as to the admissibility of certain evidence in the case. Many documents counsel have appended in and gone out of the case, by death or otherwise, among whom was Hon. John J. Crittenden, who originally represented Kentucky, and Hon. John W. Noel, (also deceased,) who originally appeared for Missouri. The counsel now conducting the case are, for Kentucky, S. H. Boyd, S. Cosby Casebury, F. A. Dick; for Kentucky, Reverdy Johnson, Henry Stanbery and Garret Davis.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Brady.

THE MERCHANTS' UNION EXPRESS COMPANY IN A NEW PHASE—AN INJUNCTION GRANTED.

James H. McVicker vs. *Elmore P. Ross, President of the Merchants' Union Express Company, Wm. H. Seward, Jr., Theodore M. Pomeroy, Wm. C. Beardsley, John N. Knapp, Clinton T. Backus and Wm. G. Fargo, President of the American Merchants' Union Express Company.*—Joseph Gutman, Jr., as attorney for the plaintiff herein, has commenced an action against the Merchants' Union Express Company, which gives indication that the difficulties recently reported in this Express Company, may be speedily closed. The plaintiff McVicker claims to be the owner of 100 shares of the Company as stock, and he brings this suit, not only for the purpose of preventing the consolidation which has been contemplated, but also to effect a dissolution of the Merchants' Union.

The complaint is to the effect that in the month of January, 1865, the defendants, other than Fargo, associated themselves together with other persons under the firm name of "The Merchants' Union Express Company," for the purpose of conducting business in a common carrier. That the Association prepared written articles, whereby it was agreed, among other other things, that the interest of the various constituents should be represented by shares; that the whole amount of such shares should be $15,000,000, divided into shares of $100 each; and that the number of such shares might be increased by a vote of three-fourths of the managing partners of said copartnership. The number of the associates in the copartnership exceeded seven, and by reason thereof the copartnership became entitled to avail itself of the provisions of the statutes of the State of New-York, entitled "of Joint Stock Companies;" and pursuant thereto the defendant Ross was elected, and is now the President of the said copartnership; the defendant Beardsley was elected, and is its Treasurer; and the defendant Knapp was elected, and is its Secretary. That the defendants, with the exception of the defendant Fargo, are the Trustees and Directors of the Association, and they constitute its Executive Committee. There may be other trustees or directors of the Association; but, if so, their names are unknown to the plaintiff, and he craves leave, if such other trustees or directors there should be, to make them parties hereto if it shall be necessary so to do. After the organization of the copartnership the shares were exposed for sale, and rapidly appreciated in market value. The defendants, other than Fargo, increased by their own votes the whole amount of shares, from $15,000,000 to $20,000,000, and upon the whole $20,000,000, or 200,000 shares, thirty-five per cent., or $7,000,000, were actually paid in cash into the treasury of the Association. Of this 200 000 shares, the defendants, other than Fargo, issued to themselves 85,000 shares for the nominal price of $20 per share, for this defendants, other than Fargo, gave to the Association their memorandum check or checks, and retained the shares until they had advanced in market to $40 per share, at which price they sold the same, and individually appropriated the difference between the cost and the sale price thereof, which difference, of right, belonged to the Association in its copartnership character, and should have been placed in its common treasury for the benefit of all the copartners. That defendants, other than Fargo, invested $600,000 of the moneys in United States bonds at a time when they were selling at a low rate in the market, and afterward sold them at a large advance and themselves appropriated the amount thus realized, which amount of right belonged to the copartnership and should have been placed in its common treasury for the benefit of all the copartners; that the defendants, except Fargo, used the moneys of the copartnership to purchase stock thereof, and after such purchase circulated the report that they intended to sell the United States bonds mentioned, and to make a dividend of the proceeds thereof, whereby the shares appreciated in value in the market; that the same were sold, and the amount thus realized was individually appropriated by defendants other than Fargo; that defendants, except Fargo, early in the history of the copartnership, voted themselves large salaries, and have since charged the copartnership with $100,000 for the alleged expenses of the Executive Committee, for extra services and for what they were pleased to term "damages to reputation;" that complaints have been made to defendants other than Fargo, of their mismanagement, and that reasons have been made of the institution of legal proceedings to procure their removal, and the winding up of the Association. To quiet such complaints and prevent such legal proceedings defendants have paid large sums of money; in one instance money paid to a person claiming to be the owner of 1,000 shares, which had cost him $42,000, the whole of that sum to procure his forbearance; that the business of the Association has, since its formation, been conducted at a daily loss; that the Association has met with heavy losses, and been obliged to procure funds elsewhere than from its treasury to pay the same. The business of the Company has been constantly conducted upon the basis of expending its capital, and the custodians thereof have betrayed their trust for their individual benefit; that since its formation its entire capital has been expended, and of the $7,000,000 originally paid in nothing now remains but certain rolling stock, equipment and real estate, and the Merchants' Union Express Company is utterly and hopelessly insolvent. The defendants, other than Fargo, finding that the Company was so insolvent, and being timid as to their personal responsibility, and being desirous, if possible, to retrieve in some way their reputation as managers of an express company, entered into a negotiation with the American Express Company for a consolidation of the two Companies under the guise of diminishing expenses, and without the consent of this plaintiff or any other of the shareholders in the said The Merchants' Union Express Company, and without any legal authority so to do, did make an arrangement of some kind with the American Express Company, and did transfer to it a por ion of the property belonging to the Merchants' Union Express Company, that the American Express Company has not the ability, without the use of the assessment of five per cent. upon the shares of the Merchants' Union Express Company, to continue the business of the consolidated companies; and the only funds in the treasury of the consolidated companies are, or will be, the amounts realized from the said assessments. The only effect of collecting the assessments will be to postpone for a short period the bankruptcy of both companies; and if a loss should now occur, either by theft or fire, to any large amount, to the property insured to either or said companies for transportation, such loss could not be paid without another assessment upon the shareholders in the Merchants' Union Express Company.

The complaint concludes with a prayer for relief, which is sustantially indicated in the following injunction, granted by Judge Brady upon the filing of the complaint:

INJUNCTION.

On reading and filing the complaint herein, duly verified, it is ordered: That during the pending of this action the defendants, their servants, agents and employes be, and they hereby are, severally restrained and enjoined from using, interfering with, or in any manner intermeddling with any of the property of the Merchants' Union Express Company; from collecting the assessments of $5 per share on the shares of the Merchants' Union Express Company, mentioned in schedule B to said complaint; from selling any of said shares for nonpayment of said assessment; from carrying on business in any way, as an express company, under a name in which the words "Merchants' Union" are used; from receiving any money or property for transportation, whereby any obligation will be created, on the part of the shareholders of the Merchants' Union Express Company, for the value of such money or property while in transit; from transporting any of such money or property; from transferring any of the property of the Merchants' Union Express Company to William G. Fargo, or to any person or persons. JNO. R. BRADY.

JAN. 9, 1869.

For plaintiff, Mr. Joseph Gutman, Jr.

COSTS IN REPLEVIN.

This decision becomes especially interesting to suitors and lawyers, owing to the fact that the rule therein laid down has been followed in recent cases in the Supreme Court of this district, and may therefore be regarded as the accepted doctrine of the courts in such cases:

Nasser vs. *Corwin.*—This is an action of claim and delivery. It appears that after the papers had been prepared and placed in the hands of the Sheriff, including the necessary undertaking which had been approved by him, but before the service of them upon the defendants or either of them, the property was returned to the plaintiff and accepted by him. He was not satisfied with the return of the property, having incurred expense in the employment of a lawyer to recover his goods, and said that he must be settled with or paid the expenses, but he did not decline to receive the goods. I entertain no doubt that actions of this character may be maintained against a person who having had possession of property in law or in fact has wrongfully disposed of it prior to the commencement of the action. Whatever conflict may have existed on that subject it must be regarded now as settled upon authority, (Van Neste vs. Conover, 20 Barb., Hooker vs. Burnap, 16 Barbour, 809; Nichols vs. Michael, 23 N. Y., Rep., 264; Knapp vs. Smith, 27 N. Y. Rep. 281, per Denio J., p. 281,) but that rule of law will not avail the plaintiff upon the question which arises on the facts stated, viz., is he entitled to recover the costs of this controversy? The defendants did not wrongfully part with the possession of the plaintiff's property. It was restored to him by them and before the commencement of the action. It was neither detained nor converted by them, nor was it in their possession, nor in that of their agent, bailee, vendee, or representative. The possession, which is the basis of the action, was on the plaintiff himself, and his remedy, which was partially put in motion, was rendered unavailable by the defendants' return of the property. He had a right of action against the defendants for damages sustained by their detention of his property, and, in the proper form of action, could have recovered the expenses to which he was necessarily subjected in its recovery. The defendants having declined at once to restore the property to him on demand, justified the employment of counsel and resort to the Courts for redress. His claim of the right to possess was acknowledged and satisfied, however, by the return of his property and the gravamen of such an action as this destroyed. He accepted the possession, and that prevented his recourse to this form of action. The precise question discussed was decided in Christie vs. Corbett, 35 How., Pr. Rep., 18. It is insisted by the plaintiff, however, that the actual commencement of the action by service of the summons in conformity to section No. 90 was not necessary, inasmuch as the approval of the undertaking by the Sheriff was the allowance of a provisional remedy, from which time the Court must be deemed to have acquired jurisdiction by virtue of section 139 of the Code. It is declared by that section that "from the time of the service of the summons in a civil action, or the allowance of a provisional remedy, the Court is deemed to have acquired jurisdiction, and to have control of all the subsequent proceedings." It is quite apparent, however, that the Legislature intended only to embrace the provisional remedies allowed by the order of the Court in which the remedy was sought, such as granting an injunction or attachment which could not be granted without the exercise of strictly judicial power. In such cases the Court is acting upon a consideration of the case presented, and having thus exercised a power conferred, asserts its jurisdiction so far at least as may be necessary to continue the proceeding set in motion. McCarthy vs. Peake, 18 How., 138; Treadwell vs. Lawler, 15 How., 5; Moore vs. Thayer, 6 Id., 47; Buckhardt vs. Sanford, 7 Id., 331. The approval of the undertaking by the Sheriff, as provided by section 209, is a ministerial act, and one for his protection. It is necessary it is true, but the Sheriff cannot arbitrarily refuse to approve the sureties. The remedy which is accomplished is perfect without any allowance either by Court or Judge or Sheriff, depending only upon the condition that sureties be given in conformity to the statute. For these reasons I think the plaintiff is not entitled to costs in this action, and that the defendants are entitled to recover their costs from him and to judgment therefor upon the verdict rendered in this action, in which the plaintiff has failed to show that he was entitled to any relief. The plaintiffs' right to recover damages being established, this Court might, with great propriety, conform the pleadings to the facts proved by amendment under section 173 of the code, and thus grant him costs; but the amendment would substantially change the claim, and it cannot therefore be allowed.

Henry Brewster for plaintiff; T. C. T. Buckley for defendant.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 16, 1869.

$16 500	U.S. 5-20 C.'64.	112¾	105¾
50,000	U.S. 5-20 C.'64..	105¾	35
10,000	U. S. 5-20C.'65.	106¾	50
5,000	U.S. 5-20 C.'65, new	c 108¼	300
71,500	U. S. 5-20 C., '67..	108¾	2-0
8,000	do	c 108¾	200
2,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	104¾	100
3,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	104¾	100
33,000	do	b3 107¾	100
3,000	B. 6s, W. L.	95½	100
4,000	Tenn. St. 6s, n. s.	69	15
11,000	Tenn. St. 6s, new bet. call	69½	263
10,000	Va. St. 6s, ex c.	58	100
5,000	Va. St. 6s, new.	57½	100
5,000	Va. St. 6s, new.	62	100
1,000	do	62¾	100
11,000	do	63	30
47,000	N. C. 6s	66	100
12,000	do	66¾	2-0
10,000	do	66¾	100
20,000	do	66¾	100
1,000	N. C. St. 6s, new.	63½	200
30,000	Ga. 6s, 1886	67½	170
2,000	Ga. 6s, new bds.	74	200
20,000	Ga. 6s, Lev. Bds	69	100
10,000	La. 6s, L. Bds.	81	100
5,000	Ala. St. 5s, bds.	84½	300
15,000	Ala. St. 5s, bds.	80	800
10,000	do	80¾	200
5,000	do	80¾	200
15,000	do bet. call	81	220
1,000	N.Y. Cen. 6s, '83.	90½	100
2,000	Erie 2d M. '79.	98	250
1,000	Ald. & T. H. 6s, Pref.	84½	300
1,000	Am. Dock & Im.	100	100
1,000	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bds.	91	100
13,000	C. & N. W. G. O. Bds.	83	300
1,000	Chi. & N. W. 1st	92	100
1,000	Mich. So. & N. Ind.	96	100
11,000	C. & R. I. & P. 1st R. 7s	94	100
1,000	C. & St. P. 8s	96	100
5,000	Mor. & Es. 2d	96	100
5,000	Mar. T. 10s, Ctfs	55	36
20,000	P., Ft. W. & C. 2d	94½	100
5,000	C. & M. C. Bds.	85	100
5,000	Chi. & Gt. E. 1st.	19½	100
10,000	do	b30	84½
75,000	Cen. Pac. Gold Bond.	80	10
40,000	do	b30	83½
40	Bank of Commerce	126½	100
10	Continental Bank.	98	93
10	Imp. & Trad. B'k.	130	

$30,000	U. S. 5-20 C. '67.	s3	108¾
2,000	U.S. 5s, 10-40 C.		108

SECOND BOARD—12½ P. M.

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

500	Adams Ex.	51	100
200	do	51¾	100
3 0	Mariposa Min. Co.	6¾	200
100	Mar. P.	21½	200
200	do	22	100
200	do	22¾	6-0
100	Canton Co.	45	200
200	do	54¾	400
200	Pac. Mail	c 122¾	800
100	do	122¾	400
300	N. Y. Cen.	160¾	1100
400	do	160¾	200
100	do	160¾	100
50	do	160	100
200	do	16 3/8	600
200	Erie	39	200
400	Reading	98	200
100	Tol. W. & W.	63¾	100
100	do	c 63¾	400
100	Alt. & T. H.	42	800
100	Alt. & T. H. Pref.	67½	100
100	Mil. & St. P.	75½	800
100	do	75¾	100
300	Mich. So. & N. Ind.	90¾	100
100	do	90¾	100
100	do	b3	90¾

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$8,000	N. Car. St. 6s, new	63½	100
1,000	La. 6s, Levee	69	30
200	Adams Ex.	52¾	100
100	do	52¾	500
100	Quicksilver	2½	100
200	do	2¾	100
400	do	2¾	400
100	Canton Co	54½	600
300	Mariposa Prof.	21½	31-0
200	do	22¾	9 0
300	West. U. T.	16¾	100
100	do	b3	50
20	Erie	38½	400
2 3	N. Y. Cen.	16 5/8	3 0
340	do	16½	200
100	do	c 16½	200
200	Hudson	s-p 151	600
200	do	150	200
1000	Reading	95¼	200
1 0	Chi. & Alton	b30	150
100	C., W. & W.	63¾	600
100	do	62¾	900
1 0	Alton & T. H.	40	200
100	Mil. & St. P.	74½	200
100	Mil. & St. P., Pf.	94¾	100
100	Fort Wayne	120½	200
200	do	121	100
100	do	121¾	6-0
100	Ohio & Miss.	33¾	200
200	do	b10	33¾
200	do	s3	33¾
800	Pittsburg	88¼	100
400	do	88¾	100
100	do	88¾	200
100	Clev. & Tol.	103¾	200
100	Rock Island	c 129¾	100
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400	Ill. Central	144¾	100
400	Northwestern	82¾	100
800	do	83¾	100
100	do	b3	82¾
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100	N. W. Pfd	88¾	100
100	do	88¾	100
600	do	89	

MONDAY, Jan. 19—A. M.

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Increase in other Legal Tenders	1,785,955
Increase in Deposits	7,576 304
Decrease in Circulation	68,009

	Jan. 18, '68.	Jan. 18, '69.	Jan. 9, '69.
National Cap'l.	$73,507,700	$74,087,700	$74,007,700
Local Capital..	9,962,500	9,945,916	9,962,500
Total Capital.	$83,470,200	$84,033,616	$83,676,200
Loans	256,035,938	262,338,831	258,762,562
Gold and Gold Notes	22.191.867	29.258 536	27.384.739
Other L. Tend'r	66,155,241	52,227,083	51,041,128
Deposits	205,838,743	195 484 849	187,908,580
Circulation	34,071,006	34 279,153	34,344,156
In Sub-Treas'y.	106,167,453	82,06.,492	81,968,067

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The Import Entries for the past week, including the Dry Goods return in our last paper, amount to $5,748,338, against the total entries of $3,587,491 same week last year. The Export Clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $3,376,680, against $3,913,546 same week last year. The export of Specie amounts to $405,700, against $504,031 same week last year. The Customs of the week are $2,524,504. The receipts of Cotton, coastwise and by railroad, are 25,064 bales. The number of emigrant passengers arrived during the week, 1,719.

Our weekly comparative summary of the Foreign Trade and Specie movements at New-York is now resumed as from the 1st of July, 1868, the beginning of the current Fiscal Year of the United States.

The Gold values of the Import Entries of Foreign Merchandise, at New-York, since July 1, 1868, are as follows, the figures being official to Jan. 1, and since semi-official from the Custom-house—the entries of Foreign Specie being omitted:

July	$23,691,215	November	$18 108,074
August	23,113,247	December	13,631,527
September	22,378,836	Jan. 9	5,557,572
October	19,438,998	Jan. 16	5,748,338
Total to date since July 1			$129,489,333
Against same time 1868			122,497,947
Increase since July 1			$6,991,386

The currency value of the Exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods from New-York, since July 1, 1868, are as follows:

July	$11,671,975	November	$14,406,796
August	13,597,188	December	14,587,925
September	17,20..,340	Jan. 6	1,926,240
October	14,703,931	Jan. 13	3,376 650
Total since July 1			$88,004,045
Against same last year			97,655,180
Decrease since July 1			$11,650,780

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The Exports of Specie of all descriptions from New-York, since July 1, 1868, are as follows:

July	$16,594,558	December	$1,717,905
August	4,690,983	Jan. 2	100,000
September	1,994,720	Jan. 9	405,700
October	1,958,750	Jan. 16	405,700
November	1,181,685		
Total since July 1			$32,989,327
Against same last year			33,498,217
Decrease since July 1			$510,890

The deliveries of California Gold and Silver at New-York since Jan. 1, 1868, are as follows:

July	$3,112,084	November	$1,192,918
August	1,994,720	December	724,699
September	2,947,645	Jan.	599 795
October	921,725	Jan. 13	214,180
Total since July 1			$13,917,591
Against same time last year			16,454 4 2
Decrease since July 1			$3,536,711

The following are the Customs Receipts in Gold, and the Interest paid on the Public Debt in Gold, at the New-York office of the United States Treasury since July 1, 1868:

	Customs received.	Gold interest paid	
July	$9,535,504	July	$218,783,13
August	12,983,644	August	1,222,448
September	13,279,458	September	3,333,133
October	10,402,222	October	1,222,448
November	7,638,888	November	16,485,908
December	6,557,537	December	2,539,800
Jan. 2	548,000	Jan 2	7,275,0.0
Jan. 9	1,966,000	Jan. 9	95,000
Jan. 16	2,524,504	Jan. 16	3,452,428
Total	$64 541,040	Total	$257,130,477
To date, 1868	6,467,133	To date, 1868	44,530,019

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

	Jan. 18, '68.	Jan. 18, '69.
American Gold Coin	135¼@136¾	126¼
Old U.S. 5-20s, 1865	12½@113¾	110
Consolidated 6-20s	106¾@106¾	106
U. S. 5 ₱ cents. 10-40s	106¾@106¾	102¾
New York Central	157¾@158¼	123¾
Erie	39¾@39¾	74¾
Rock Island	126¾@130¼	98¾
Michigan Southern	93¾@94	91
Hudson River	137¼, with priv. @138¼	120¾
Northwestern	84¾@85¾	61¾
Fort Wayne and Chicago	115¾@12 3	94¾
Cleveland and Pittsburg	84¾@86¾	94¾
Reading	94¾@96¾	93¾
Northwestern Preferred	87¾@88¾	72¾
Ohio and Mississippi	34¾@35¾	5 3/8
Pacific Mail	122¾@124¼	103¾
St. Paul Preferred	91¾@94¾	94¾
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Paris Peace Conference has closed its sessions. It recommends Greece to yield the point regarding Crete in accordance with the Sultan's ultimatum, and to submit to the decision of the Courts the case of the Turkish Admiral and the Greek steamer *Enosis*. The last point of the ultimatum regarding international law is to be withdrawn by Turkey. Intelligence from Athens indicates that Greece is actively preparing for war.

Trouble has broken out on the frontier of Asiatic Turkey between the Persians and the Turks. In consequence the Turkish Ambassador has withdrawn from Teheran, and Persia is massing troops on the border.

There have been more riots in various parts of Italy, occasioned by the attempts of the authorities to collect the odious mill tax. The military have been called out, and many rioters killed. The country, at the last accounts, however, was tranquil.

Mr. CHARLES DICKENS published a card in the London papers of yesterday, stating that the widow of his brother was never in Chicago, but is now alive and well in England.

GENERAL.

A Convention of the Superintendents of the leading railroads in the South has just been held in New-Orleans. Mutual arrangements were made whereby speed will be increased and the cost diminished alike for shippers of freight and those who travel. The railroads represented in the Convention were the Mobile and Ohio, Memphis and Ohio, Memphis and Charleston, Mississippi Central, Mississippi and Tennessee, and New-Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroads.

The Militia bill just passed by the Legislature of Tennessee gives the Governor arbitrary power to call out any force of the militia at his will, and to declare martial law wherever he pleases in the State. A dispatch says that the Governor will certainly act at once, and many days will not elapse before black and white militia will be placed in the field. The Ku-klux outrages still continue in various portions of the State.

Gen. SHERMAN telegraphed to headquarters at Washington, on Saturday, the latest report from Gen. SHERIDAN of the progress of the war in the Indian territory. This is an important document. It states that the destruction of the Comanche village by Col. EVANS' command, on Christmas Day, was the final blow to the backbone of the rebellion. A delegation of the chief fighting men of the Arrapahoes and Cheyennes came to Fort Cobb at midnight on the 31st, and begged for peace and for permission for their people to come in. They reported the tribes in mourning for their losses, their people starving, their dogs eaten up and no buffalo, and all ready to surrender unconditionally. Gen. SHERIDAN denies the statement made by the Indian Agents that Black Kettle's band were on their reservation at the time they were attacked.

The State Temperance Convention will be held in Rochester on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. On the evening of the first day (to-morrow) there will be an address of welcome by JAMES B. HAYES, response by Hon. BENJAMIN JOY, of Penn Yan, and another address by Rev. Dr. LORE, of Auburn. And on Wednesday evening there will be an address by Rev. B. I. IVES, of Auburn. The Good Templars are expected to attend to-morrow evening's meeting in full regalia.

Many of the tax-payers of Columbia and Charleston, S. C., have taken measures to test the legality of the assumption by the State of the payment of the bills of the bank of the State, and to prevent the issue of bonds for their redemption. They dispute the validity of the act authorizing Gov. SCOTT to issue bonds of the State upon the surrender of the bills.

The Republican legislative caucus at Albany to nominate a United States Senator, held Saturday evening, was attended by a large crowd, including the Republican members of both Houses. On the second ballot REUBEN E. FENTON was declared the nominee, he receiving 52 and E. D. MORGAN 40. The result of the first ballot was not announced, but it is stated that it stood: For FENTON, 50; and for MORGAN, 42. The nomination of Gov. FENTON was made unanimous.

The Detroit *Post* says that the small-pox is now very prevalent and very virulent in the Western cities. A hundred deaths a day have been reported in Cincinnati; it is declared to be an epidemic in St. Louis; it is scourging Chicago, though nothing is said about it in the newspapers; and in Milwaukee the public schools and the rink have been closed in consequence, and the shutting up of the theatres, concert saloons, and other places where people most do congregate, has been discussed.

Several members of the Maine Legislature, who supported Mr. MORRILL in the late caucus for United States Senator, have published a card, in which they say that, according to all precedent, Mr. HAMLIN was nominated, and that they will support him at the coming election. There were seventy-five votes cast for Mr. HAMLIN, seventy-four for Mr. MORRILL, and one was blank.

Dr. W. H. M. HOWARD, of West Fairlee, Vt., while on his way home from New-York, was robbed by pickpockets, in the New-Haven depot, on Friday night, of large sums of money. He had with him when he started from New-York nearly $50,000 in bonds and greenbacks. These he had stowed away in pocket-books which he carried in the breast pockets of his coats. The thieves jostled against him while he was getting into the cars, and, as was afterward discovered, cut his pockets partially out. They succeeded in getting two pocket-books, one containing $14,000 in Government bonds, and the other $8,500 in greenbacks. The book which they did not manage to get hold of contained $10,500 in greenbacks.

MICHAEL MCDONALD, *alias* Andrew D. Stanley, the "confidence man," who defrauded the Hartford (Conn.) Trust Company, a little over a month ago, out of $4,000, has been arrested at his father's house in La Cheine, Canada.

Gen. SIBLEY has just returned to Savannah from another visit to the Ogeechee. He reports all quiet, and that the remainder of the negroes for whose arrest warrants have been issued have disappeared from the neighborhood, and that no further arrests have been made.

Several days ago, the People's National Bank, in Pittsburg, Penn., was robbed of $12,000 by some adroit and daring thief, who abstracted a small tin box containing the amount from the safe. The affair has been kept quiet, in the hope that some clue might be obtained to the perpetrator; but, although the officers of the bank have been making every exertion to ferret out the thief, and have had the assistance of experienced detectives, nothing satisfactory has as yet been discovered.

The annual report of the Registrar of Vital Statistics shows that during the year, ending on the 1st of October, 25,459 deaths occurred in this City and 9,015 in Brooklyn. These figures show a slight increase over those of the previous year.

The members of the "Morning Star" Sunday School, who for some time past have met in one of the halls of Pike's Opera House, yesterday found the doors of the hall closed against them, by order of the proprietor of the building.

Cotton was less active and cheaper on Saturday. Breadstuffs were moderately dealt in; Corn was stronger in price. Provisions quiet; Lard and Hogs lower. Groceries in less demand. Moderate freight engagements were reported, with 541 vessels of all classes in port.

The Government and the Telegraph—An Unjust and Foolish Project.

When the Telegraph was invented and the attempt made to bring it into use in this country, it was offered to the Government for $100,000. The Government had no faith in it, and refused to buy it. It thus became a matter of necessity for Prof. MORSE, in order to avail himself of his own invention, to dispose of it to private individuals. He enlisted a few men of foresight and enterprise in the matter,—private companies were formed of men who put their money into it, the telegraph became more and more popular and useful, until now a very great number of our people have invested their property in it, just as they would have done in railroads, in steamboats or in anything else which promised in return a fair rate of profit.

And *now*, after its success has been demonstrated at private expense, and after millions of dollars have been invested in it by our people, when it has become an essential instrument in carrying on the business and correspondence of the world, Congress is urged to make it a Government affair and to go into the business of telegraphing in competition with the private companies who are already engaged in it, and for the avowed purpose of underbidding and breaking them down.

This seems to us a dishonest and outrageous proposition. It is so grossly unjust to the parties already engaged in the business, and in such flagrant violation of private rights that Congress ought not to listen to it for a moment. Our Government might just as well go into any other business, for the purpose of breaking down private enterprise, as into this. It might just as fairly build and run a line of steamers to convey the mails across the Atlantic, in competition with the lines already established, as to build, equip and operate lines of telegraph for a kindred purpose. It might as well build and run, at the Government expense, a railroad from New-York to Boston or to Buffalo, as a telegraph line from New-York to Washington. Yet the proposal to do either of those things would be universally denounced and scouted as an outrageous invasion of private rights, and a flagrant assault on private interests.

The sole plea urged in excuse for such a proceeding is the utility of *reducing the cost* of telegraphing to those who wish to use it. That is an important object doubtless. It is desirable to have cheap telegraphing,—but it is also very desirable to have a great many other things cheap. Cheap food and cheap clothing,—cheap bread and cheap shoes, cheap books and cheap houses are very important things, and the need of them is much more widely and sharply felt than is the need of cheap telegraphing. But, so far as we are aware, the Government has not felt impelled to go into the manufacture of any of these articles in order to make them cheap.

There are a good many things which are conceded to be desirable, but which the Government does not feel bound or at liberty to furnish. The functions of Government are of a different sort, and lie in a different direction. It has always been held in this country that Governments should interfere with the ordinary business operations and necessities of its citizens just as little as possible,—and never for their injury. Its business is to encourage and protect the developments of private energy and enterprise,—never to make war upon and break them down. And the maxim is just as good in its application to this specific form of private enterprise, as to any other.

The plea is that, because the Government absorbs and carries on the *postal* business, it may and should absorb and carry on the kindred business of telegraphing also. The two kinds of business are so diverse in their principles and modes of working, that the argument is utterly inconclusive. They agree only in this, that their common object is to carry messages,—to convey information. But that, in a still larger sense, is also the business of newspapers. Why, then, should not the Government, in order to make its scheme complete, start newspapers in every considerable town, and thus break down all private rivalry and monopolize the business in its own hands?

We do not believe that the Government could possibly carry on the business of telegraphing as efficiently, as cheaply or as much for the interest and satisfaction of the public as it can be carried on by private enterprise and in business hands. *It would inevitably become a party machine*, just as the Postal business has been and still is: and as it requires special training for its proper performances, the attempt to subordinate the necessity for such training to the necessities of a political party would be fatal to the whole scheme. The work would be badly done, and it would be very dear to the public treasury, however cheap it might be made to appear to those who might use it.

But if Congress is unwise enough to enter upon such an undertaking, let it do so *honestly*. Let it do as Great Britain proposes to do, and as every other nation under the same circumstances has done, *buy the lines* of companies that have put their money into the business, and neither seize them by flagrant robbery nor break them down by an unequal, unfair and unjust competition. There is no public interest which demands any transfer of the business to the Government,—and there is no principle of justice or of honor which would not be outraged by such a change as the one proposed.

The United States Senator.

The contest for United States Senator was ended on Saturday by the nomination of Ex-Gov. FENTON over Ex-Gov. MORGAN. Beyond all doubt he will be elected to-morrow, and then this exciting struggle, the cause of a good deal of angry feeling, will come to a close. Mr. MORGAN will probably retire to private life, and Mr. FENTON represents the State of New-York in the United States Senate, for the next six years.

Gov. FENTON is not, in any sense of the word, a statesman; but he is, in every sense of the word, an adroit, persevering and successful politician. He knows how to enlist other men in his service and attach them to his fortunes. He is quick to discern the drift of public sentiment, and ready always to go with it. He has very considerable skill in administration and seldom makes glaring mistakes, while he never achieves any very striking or brilliant intellectual success. He is a man of fair abilities, pleasing manners, and well skilled, by nature and experience, in political navigation. Without giving the office of Senator any special *éclat*, or winning for the State any fresh distinction in that office, he will be industrious, painstaking and popular.

We have no doubt that he more accurately represents the dominant political sentiment of the Republican Party in the State than his opponent. Although the word "radical" has lost much of its distinctive meaning of late, there is still a marked difference between the Republican sentiment of the country districts and that of this City. The former is more bitter, more extreme, and less tolerant in everything relating to slavery, and the rebellion; and as this distinction has ceased to be of any importance so far as *principles* or measures are concerned, it becomes all the sharper and more marked when *men* are concerned. Mr. MORGAN was through all the early part of his political life, a friend of Gov. SEWARD and Mr. WEED, and adhered to that wing of the party which regarded them as its legitimate and proper leaders; and although he has labored very diligently and zealously to shake off all relics of that early association, and has voted and acted quite uniformly with the more radical element, the result shows that his efforts have not been crowned with complete success. Gov. FENTON has been from the beginning a Radical,—*pure et simple*; and the Republican sentiment of the State is with him. Gov. MORGAN was widely charged, furthermore, with favoring JOHNSON'S policy and being friendly to the objects and aims of the Philadelphia Convention. This, however, we believe to be a mistake. He voted to sustain the first veto of the Freedmen's Bureau bill; but after that he voted steadily with Congress and against the President. And at the time of the Philadelphia Convention he retired to Newport and took no part whatever, either in it or in the second Convention which immediately followed.

As we said at the outset of this contest, this State is not in the habit of reëlecting its Senators. The few instances in which it has done so are exceptions to the rule and were caused by exceptional ability and public service on the part of the incumbent. Since Mr. SEWARD'S time no instance of the kind has occurred; nor had there been an instance until his, for some time previous.

Gov. FENTON will have the general sentiment of his party to support him on his entrance into his new office. He will make a fair Senator, and will in all probability, fully meet the expectations of his party friends.

Book-Smuggling—A New Phase of Fraud.

American publishers have so long and meekly borne such epithets as "thieves," "vultures," and "pirates," affixed upon them as a class by their indignantly virtuous British cousins, that they can now hardly be blamed for the temptation to retort upon *some* of their fellow-tradesmen across the water, with the less vigorous, but still unsavory epithet, "smugglers."

The recent wholesale "blockade-running" of English and American books across the Canadian frontier to the Western cities has already been bruited abroad; but, in another column, a correspondent of the TIMES gives the full details of the swindling transaction. The noteworthy points in the affair are that this smuggling of London publications was carried on in the Fall of 1867, and again by wholesale in the Fall of 1868; that the Montreal speculator engaged in it, one SHAW, openly announced his purpose, when he bought his invoices in London; that, though his personal responsibility was known to be very limited, he nevertheless procured, chiefly on credit, more than £10,000 sterling worth of books, and that, too, not from obscure adventurers, but from such well-known houses as BELL & DALDY, ROUTLEDGE & SONS, STRAHAN & Co., and W. & R. CHAMBERS; and that nearly every box of these blockade-running books contained even some well-known American copyright works—such as *Webster's Quarto Dictionary*, and the works of LONGFELLOW, EMERSON, and BANCROFT.

Of course, our Custom-house officers at Port Huron, Michigan, where the goods were smuggled across, were remiss; for they not only passed the reprints of American books without examination, but they accepted SHAW'S own valuation of his boxes, which was just *one-twelfth* of the London prices, and on this twelfth he paid duties. The cunning Montreal book-auctioneer had selected Nov. 3 as the day of their arrival at Port Huron—and, of course, our Custom-house officials there were mostly too busy in settling the politics of the country to attend to professional duties. Forwarded to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee and elsewhere, these books, (worth nearly $100,000 in currency,) were promptly put up at auction; but the consequent glut of the market, together with the appearance of American copyrighted books in the lots, attracted the attention of our publishers, and detection and seizure followed.

All this business has, we say, a very ugly look for the publishers connected with it. Many London publishers, no doubt *most* of them, would not stoop to engage in it, and some of them, who were applied to, refused to have anything to do with SHAW. Probably even those who are now implicated will maintain their ignorance of his transactions, claiming that they were duped by him, and that at most their fault is in the carelessness of salesmen. But, at best, the whole burden of proof lies on them; and, to clear their business characters, they must bring forward positive proofs of their honesty of intent and perfect integrity in what is a very shabby and disgraceful piece of business.

The Revolution in Japan—Removal of the Capital.

The latest arrival from Japan brings us two very gratifying items of intelligence—the restoration of peace, and the removal of the imperial capital to Yeddo. Both are of special interest to us, as we are more concerned than any other nation in the commerce of those islands, and near enough for the moves occasioned by their earthquakes to reach our shores in sixteen hours.

For years past, our trade, which opened with such golden promise, has been crippled and stunted by intestine commotions, culminating at last in the the civil war between the Northern and Southern Daimios. This was happily concluded by the signature of articles of peace on the 6th of November; and the final adjustment, with the particulars of which we are not yet acquainted, seems to have been characterized by a spirit of humanity quite unusual among Oriental nations. The vanquished chief was not put to death, but assigned a small principality and sent into comparative retirement—treated, in fact, rather better than we have treated Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS. And his followers, instead of being butchered, as was once the fashion, have been allowed to follow their master to his new estates.

The war-cloud has thus lifted its disastrous pall, and the rising sun, the felicitous symbol of the national banner, again shines in the midst of an uncloudèd firmament. Commerce may be expected to revive, and, instead of a trifling trade in trinkets, the export of teas and silks may reach an enormous figure. In the supply of these great staples, Japan is capable of becoming a formidable rival to China, and it is far from certain that the difference of from seven to ten days in the length of the voyage may not ultimately turn the scale in her favor.

Nor is the situation of the Japanese capital a matter of indifference. It is something for us to know that the Straits of Uraga, which face our Golden Gate, will again become the thoroughfare of an active trade, and that the great city of which they form the entrepôt is destined to become greater than it has ever been.

Abandoned not long ago by the Tycoon, who was compelled to abdicate, a large portion of it reduced to ashes in the conflicts which preceded that event, and still further ruined by the exodus of nobility that followed it, it appeared not unlikely that Yeddo was about to be wiped from the map of the world—at least that it would no longer stand prominent among the world's great capitals. But the last mail brings us the welcome news that its waste places are being rebuilt, its bazaars filled with merchandise, and its lately desolate streets thronged once more with a busy population. The Daimios are returning to their forsaken palaces, and with them that wealth and splendor which made Yeddo the pride of the Empire. Nor is this all. Yeddo is to inherit the glories of Kioto, and be advanced to the full honors of an imperial capital.

But has it not always been an imperial capital? Was it not at the gates of Yeddo that PERRY whispered the "open sesame" which first drew the Japanese from their long seclusion? Was it not in Yeddo that HARRIS, by the mere prestige of the American name, though unsupported by a single armed vessel, succeeded in negotiating the liberal treaty that regulates our present intercourse? And was it not in Yeddo that Ministers of foreign Powers were accustomed to have audience with the Sovereign?

True, but the potentate who resided there was not the Emperor for all that. He wielded the power of the Empire; he was able to "bind his Princes at pleasure," and to pledge the Government for the fulfilment of his obligations. Hence all the treaties ratified by the Tycoon are binding on the supreme authority, by whomsoever it may be exercised. Still he had an acknowledged superior, and when foreign nations learned the fact,—when they became aware, that in the interior of the islands there existed a more splendid Court than that of the Tycoon, and a more august Sovereign, they began to have some misgivings, lest their envoys had made their *salâms* to the wrong person, and to fear that things would not be settled on a sure basis, until they could have access to the Mikado. It was with this feeling that Sir HENRY PARKES, something more than a year ago, at the expense of no little peril, penetrated to the Court of the Grand Suzerain. Now, however, by a most remarkable turn in the wheel of fortune, the Tycoon has vanished from the arena, and the Mikado coming from the interior to the sea-coast has established his Court at Yeddo.

This closes a long cycle in Japanese history, and offers a good opportunity for studying the nature of that mysterious duality in the Japanese Government which has proved a puzzle to outside spectators. Now that it exists no longer, we shall perhaps find it less difficult to comprehend.

The Siogoon or Tycoon and the Dairi or Mikado have always been known as the supreme rulers of the Japanese people—the one on the sea-board, the other in the interior; the former wielding the military power, and the latter invested with the honors of a semi-divinity. But what were their relations to each other? Were they like the two Kings of ancient Sparta, coördinate in all respects? Or like the two Kings of Siam, brothers by birth, and distinguished by seniority? Or like the two Empresses, who at present exercise a joint regency in China?

In the absence of any distinct notion on the subject, the Western public hit on the blundering device of calling one of these potentates the spiritual, and the other the temporal Emperor. That one swayed the actual power, while the other was the object of special veneration, afforded a plausible ground for this distinction; but nothing could be farther from the truth.

The relation of the Siogoon to the Mikado was, indeed, something analagous to that of VICTOR EMMANUEL to the Pope—the Mikado being equally tenacious of his temporal sovereignty, and, as we have just seen, rather more successful in asserting it. But it is not in Italy, nor yet in Lacedemon, Siam or China, but in France, that we are to look for the exact analogue of the two-headed sovereignty of Japan.

The Merovingian Kings having become depraved and effeminate, in A. D. 687, PEPIN D'HERISTEL was created Mayor of the Palace, "a noble chosen by the nobles, to be the guide and controller of the Sovereign—the leader of the armies in war and President of the Council in peace." The shadow of royalty was all that was left to his feeble master, who was succeeded in the throne by an equally degenerate progeny, while the children of PEPIN for more than half a century exercised the whole power of the State under the humble title of Mayor of the Palace.

So in Japan, in 1185, GOKITOMO, the Kubosama, or leader of the armies, succeeded in getting the upper hand of the Mikado, fixed his residence at Yeddo, and compelled the nobles to locate their families there as pledges of allegiance. But the old dynasty was too deeply seated in the respect of the people to admit of its subversion. Surrounding the titular Sovereign with empty state, like that of the Great Mogul under British rule in Delhi, he transmitted the sceptre to a line of successors that has lasted through more than sixteen hundred years.

Through all this time, the Tycoons have treated the Mikado with scrupulous ceremony; professing themselves vassals, paying an annual visit of homage to their nominal chief, and wearing with real or affected pride the titles and decorations bestowed by that powerless shadow of the ancient monarchy.

That shadow has now suddenly become a substance, and the vanishing quantity is integrated to its full value. The usurping vassal has fallen, and the Mikado enters on a new career without a rival. He traces his pedigree back to SIMMU, B. C. 660, and his dynasty is, therefore, the oldest in the world. His title of *Tien-hwang*, or, as the Japanese pronounce it, *Ten-o*, "Celestial Sovereign," indicates that his authority rests on the religious veneration of his people, as a theocratic ruler; and to this fact it is due that it was not entirely extinguished even by a successful usurpation. The Siogoon or Tycoon, on the contrary, owed his power, as his name indicates, like the *imperator* of the Roman armies, to the acclaim of a victorious soldiery.

Now that the supreme power and the most exalted dignity are united in one person, and that person has fixed his abode at Yeddo, where he will come in contact with the civilization of Christendom, we may regard the present as the beginning of a new era for Japan.

The iron-clad *Stonewall*, so long withheld from the contending factions, will now be delivered to the rightful Sovereign and help to maintain his power. Supported by the countenance of foreign nations, he will be able to abridge the power of the feudal lords, and, by wise statesmanship, to erect out of those disjointed principalities a powerful monarchy—the Britain of the North Pacific.

The Dismemberment of Utah—A Blow at Brigham Young.

The new House bill to diminish the Territory of Utah is the most vigorous attempt yet made to solve the Mormon problem. As Mr. WASHBURNE said, it is a bill to "dismember Utah." It slashes into the Territory on all sides—a huge slice here for Colorado, a slice there for Nevada, a slice yonder for Montana and a slice for Wyoming. It is, in fact, a general onslaught upon the territorial expanse of Utah; and whatever contiguous State or Territory may ask to "cut me a cantle off" from BRIGHAM YOUNG'S domains, shall have it straightway done.

As a piece of domestic legislation, therefore, this bill of the Committee on Territories is of the highest importance. It will not of itself solve the Mormon problem, but it will march toward the solution; and keen as is the thrust it gives to Mormondom in general, it pierces deeper yet the personal pride and ambitious hope of BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Far more than a fanatic, far more than the head of a new religious sect, or even of an universal Church, BRIGHAM YOUNG is now, as he has for eight-and-thirty years aimed to be, the *head of a State*. He is, and is proud to feel himself, less the leader of a sect than of a people. He calls himself not preacher or prophet, but *President*. We never shall rightly understand Mormonism, still less understand the character of BRIGHAM YOUNG, till we appreciate to the full his claim and his aspiration to the *rôle* of *empire-founder*. In that lies the secret of his sturdy devotion to building up Utah, making the very wilderness to "blossom like the rose."

His hydra-headed proselyting machinery; his missions all over the world—in Great Britain, Sweden, Russia, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, in the Sandwich Islands, in Australia, at the Cape of Good Hope, in the East Indies, in New-Zealand itself; his European system of "conferences" and "districts of conferences," and "branches" and "districts of branches," working as accurately as any direct political government; his home organization of "quorums of the seventies," and quorums of the elders, the priests, the teachers and the deacons; his well-trained and closely-governed "commonwealth" in Utah—all these tend to one end, namely, the perfecting of a grander State of the future, ruled by him or his successor. And hence, one of the Mormon elders has publicly declared that "nowhere can the Mormon movement be so well understood as in its foreign missions. In working out the problem of these, you have the sum of the whole. It is out of them that the Utah community has grown; for, even after its members emigrate thither, they are but so many organisms of missions brought together into geographical unity; nothing has changed but territory." And, he adds: "They are all *one great commonwealth*, though scattered throughout the whole earth. and BRIGHAM is as much their *temporal and spiritual* ruler in foreign missions as he is at home."

What is it, then, that Mr. ASHLEY'S bill does for BRIGHAM YOUNG'S projects? It seizes on the *lands*, whither he had designed sooner or later to transport millions of his followers for settlement. In his imagination, he has seen Utah a compact, thickly-settled State, amply able to demand admission, if he likes, to the American Union. He has come to regard its hills and valleys as his own, or those of "the Church." He has already brought tens of thousands of settlers to Utah; but with one expression of will he could add probably a quarter of a million to its population within a year, having both the "spiritual authority" to collect his Church throughout the world, and the ready-money to bring them thither.

Upon these very lands which he has designed to be tenanted or owned in future by his own Church, Congress is now preparing to make inroads. Mr. ASHLEY'S bill, it is true, does not interfere with the settled portions of Utah; but its main object, as declared by that gentleman, is to so give away its unsettled territory, "that there would not remain enough in Utah to make a State." He even announced that "he originally drew up the bill to blot out Utah," but yielded to the Committee, who thought "the Mormons should not be disturbed where they are." Polygamy is thus treated like the doomed wild beast,—not, indeed, attacked in his lair, but surrounded with a fatal circle of fire.

That BRIGHAM YOUNG has foreseen the possible necessity of giving up, one day, his pretensions to ruling his "commonwealth," his "empire," as an independent political body, is clear. That he has inwardly solved the question soon to be forced upon him by resolving to make Utah a State of the Union, if possible, may be surmised; for no one knows better than he that it is that or ruin for him and his life-long work. He must either mount on the wave of Western progress, or be swamped in it. Nor should we be surprised to learn that, if it came to the worst, he would give up the distinctive features of Mormondom, including polygamy itself, rather than lose all his power. But this new demonstration must alarm him. It is not only a crusade against Mormondom, for that he might have endured, but a direct thrust at his State-founding schemes. The dream of many of his people (perhaps it has been his own) is that BRIGHAM YOUNG will one day be President of a domain as broad as the continent. What will they, what will he, now think, to find the chief part of Utah parcelled away to other Territories, and the remnant that is left "not even enough to make a State?"

State Aid to Charities.

Mr. ALLEN, the State Comptroller, in his recent Report makes some very proper remarks on the indiscriminate aid extended to all kinds of charities by the Legislature of our State. Our readers will remember that long list of sectarian and church schools—mostly Roman Catholic—for which the Legislative Supply bill last winter had appropriated such ample donations. The general outcry raised by the whole community induced changes in the bill, and the result obtained was a reasonable one: a certain sum being divided among all the charity day-schools of the State on a fixed ratio of attendance and on certain strict conditions.

Each Winter the Legislature is pressed with large numbers of similar applications, until many of our most thoughtful citizens begin to take ground against any and all aid by the Legislature to public or private charities.

On the other hand, certain members of this body are disposed to assist every charitable society which can by any possibility help their political influence..

The net result is, on the whole, unfavorable to Protestant charities, probably for the reason that members who represent Roman Catholic constituencies, are much more earnest for their own charities than Protestants for theirs, so that the proportion of appropriations, both from the City and State, to the former, are much larger than for the latter, if their relative number be considered.

It seems important, then, that some definite principles should be laid down in regard to State or City aid to charities, so that members may decide on claims presented without reference to sectarian feeling or private sympathy.

We say, then, in the first place, *no aid should be given by City or State to church or sectarian schools*. This country has fairly demonstrated the position that religion and religious instruction flourish better entirely separated from the State. Moreover, the Legislature has no interest that a child should be a Presbyterian, or Methodist or Roman Catholic. Its only care is that each child should become a good citizen. Even further, we may say that the State has an objection to putting education under priestcraft—whether it be the priestcraft of Presbyterians or Jesuits. It should have nothing to do with religious schools as such.

But the question will arise—what is a religious school? We reply, that of necessity any "church school" must be such, or school where a creed is a prominent branch of instruction, or which is confined to a single sect—as, for instance, an Episcopal or Roman Catholic school.

If, on the other hand, children of various religious beliefs attend and are not interfered with in their creed, and the main instruction is intellectual and moral—the manifest object being to make the pupils not better sectarians, but better citizens—then the school comes under other public and general institutions which may fairly claim State aid.

Again, no private or individual charity should receive State aid.

If a man chooses to open a soup-kitchen or an alms-house, or dispensary, he has no claim on public assistance, until at least the enterprise has become established and is put under a responsible incorporated body. The Courts, we believe, have decided that even a large bequest for charities placed in the hands of an individual trustee, is not valid.

A charity, however, may to a certain extent be religious, and have a valid claim to State aid. We will suppose that a certain sect, such as the Episcopalians or Romanists, undertake to gather out of the streets the utterly vagabond and orphan children, and to place them in asylums, and ultimately train them to be good citizens, under their own religious forms. The State is the ultimate source of authority, whereby such charities can be incorporated, and it has an equal power, having founded, to aid in their support. Its sole guide is *bonum publicum*—the public welfare. Knowing the almost impossibility of the public authorities providing sufficiently for this class of orphans and *enfans perdus*, and how dangerous they are to the public safety and good order, it has always, both in England and America, adopted the plan of a limited aid to such institutions—the Legislature reasoning that it is better for the public that a little street vagrant should grow up a Romanist or a sectarian than a criminal or pauper. Moreover, our American legislatures have followed the English precedent and experience, that on a broad scale it is much better for the community to have a certain proportion of its charities under private supervision with public support. Public charities, it is notorious, lack enthusiasm, moral influence, economy and close management. On the other hand, private charities are weak, fluctuating, poor, and want steady support and a firm foundation, and are not sufficiently responsible. By a wise combination of both elements, numbers of the best charities of both England and America have the responsibility and firmness of public institutions, and the individual interest and careful management of private charities.

Accordingly all such institutions as houses of refuge, vagrant asylums, newsboys' lodging-houses, and the like, whether Catholic or Protestant, are doing a work of such absolute necessity, which no others can do, that they have a claim on public support, and yet they are of such a nature that they are better managed by depending in part on private contributions and having private trustees. The same is true, though to a less degree, of orphan asylums. If it be objected that the Legislature is thus laying a tax on municipal taxpayers, the reply is that thus far the whole theory of municipal government throughout the State recognizes the right in the Legislature for great public objects, such as turnpikes, railroads, schools, police and charities, of compelling the indifferent or selfish citizens to aid in their support or foundation. In regard to charities which diminish crime and pauperism, there is a peculiar appropriateness that the wealthiest citizens, who are, as a general thing, the most selfish, should be *forced* to care for the community in the proportion of their material interests. And, in all probability, no tax that they pay is returned with such interest to them.

We believe that acting on these broad principles the Legislature may wisely aid, each year, certain charities, and refuse to help certain others, and the community be benefited by both decisions.

MINOR TOPICS.

Now that the Senatorial question is settled we trust that our Legislature will address itself to the business of legislation in earnest. There is a great variety of reforms in all directions to be accomplished, and there is but little time left for their consideration.

We notice that the lawyers are now bringing forward the plea of *kleptomania* in defending cases of theft. It was pleaded in one or two cases a few days ago, and on Saturday last, when two women were arraigned before Justice DOWLING, at the Court of Special Sessions, on three distinct charges of shop-lifting, their counsel pleaded guilty to all for them, but asked that they be remanded, as he would be able to prove that they were victims of *kleptomania*, and deserving of the clemency of the Court. The Magistrate granted the request, being desirous to obtain all possible information on a subject of such deep interest. The popular plea for murder now a days is insanity, and, after the Courts admit *kleptomania* as a plea for stealing, we shall doubtless have somnambulism brought forward as a plea for rape. But, in the meantime, what will become of the Ten Commandments and the criminal code?

The secret history of Mr. SEWARD'S negotiations for the purchase of the Island of St. Thomas, are given in a Washington letter in another column. Mr. SEWARD was very persistent in his attempts to obtain the island; but, at the same time, it will be observed that he informed the Danish Government, in the first formal proposition he made on the subject, that it must be understood that any treaty which might be negotiated would "require the constitutional ratification of the Senate." It was fortunate this notice was given, in view of the present attitude of Congress.

A fresh attempt is to be made to change the character of the Croton Aqueduct Board,—removing the present officers and authorizing the Mayor to appoint a new Board. If the Mayor could be relied on to exercise his personal judgment in the matter, and nominate such a Board as his own conviction of the public interests requires, there would be less objection to the change proposed. But the general feeling is that *the Ring* will dictate the nominations and that this is only a step to get the Croton Aqueduct Department under its exclusive control.

A correspondent writing from this City to a Boston newspaper gives the following bit of information:

"Many of the most respectable citizens have organized a vigilance committee in this City, and subordinate lodges have already been organized in several of the wards. When the organization is completed the members propose to give a warm reception to thieves, murderers, incendiaries, &c., the citizens having at last become dissatisfied with the manner in which the Police authorities deal with such criminals."

How much foundation there may be for this statement we are unable to say; but we trust there is none. Our City government is certainly bad enough and there is need enough of *some* measures to check the impunity which "thieves, murderers and incendiaries" enjoy among us. But a vigilance committee is *not* needed, and would only aggravate tenfold the worst of the evils from which we suffer already. If our "respectable citizens" will take proper measures to secure that object, they can procure the enactment of laws to relieve the evil, if they cannot cure it altogether. "Lynch" law never failed to do infinitely more harm than good, except possibly in some semi-savage regions where laws have not yet been made or enforced. In such a City as this, it would merely inaugurate the absolute reign of the mob.

We do not now expect to see any comprehensive financial scheme passed into law by the present Congress. The dozen financial measures that have been introduced to the Senate and House, from those of Senators MORTON and SUMNER to that of Mr. BUT

...nor. On Saturday evening last, Senator MORGAN privately congratulated Gov. FENTON on his success in beating him for the Senatorial nomination. Why did BUCKER say that the days of chivalry were gone?

The *World* makes a very lame and discreditable attempt to escape the odium of putting words and opinions into the mouth of Gen. GRANT, which he utterly repudiates and brands as shameless and impertinent fabrications. The *World* pretends that, as Gen. GRANT will not deny that he entertains such opinions, and *may* at some time or other have given utterance to them, its version of his conversations may, therefore, be correct. It is now generally believed that the *World* never received this fabricated fabrication from a Washington correspondent at all,—but that it was written in the office, with the two-fold object of calling attention to the paper and exciting animosity between Gen. GRANT and some of his prominent political and personal friends. A newspaper that needs a resort to such expedients to prolong its existence or promote its prosperity, and is willing to make it, is a discredit to the profession and a nuisance to the public at large.

American women at Washington have learned one lesson in politics which they will be very slow to forget. They have learned when they once get office never to let go their hold upon it. Some little time ago, under the pressure of a temporary emergency, a large number of them obtained employment in the Treasury Department. But the emergency passed away, and then the Secretary, being anxious to economize, dismissed about 160 of them, for whom he had no work whatever to do. At once he was beset, not only by the women themselves, but by the whole force of members of Congress, male relatives and friends in general, to know why he had committed so flagrant an outrage on the rights of the female sex; and being unable to stand the pressure the usual result followed, and the great mass of the women were put back into office forthwith.

The Pope, a fortnight ago, pronounced an allocution denouncing with great bitterness the *Spanish* Liberals. But it is only a short while ago that he denounced, with the utmost fury, the *Austrian* Liberals. And a short while before that he furiously denounced the *Italian* Liberals. As Austria and Italy still continue to exist, notwithstanding his maledictions, we can suppose that Spain also may continue to prosper under his wrath.

Three months in the Penitentiary is the sentence passed by Police Justice DOWLING, on a muscular young ruffian, for inhumanly beating his gray-haired, decrepit, and infirm old mother, several times during the last few months. We trust there is plenty of very hard work to be done, and that the living is not over luxurious, at the penal establishment which is to be honored and adorned with his presence.

Hardly a night has passed for many weeks in which our citizens have not had the opportunity of attending one or more scientific lectures by distinguished savans. We do not remember any Winter of late years in which we have had so large an amount of able popular lecturing.

The London *Times* of the 1st inst., in reviewing the business prospects of the New Year, refers to the incitements to adventure and commercial enterprise, which it will offer to ardent minds, foremost among which the Pacific Railroad is mentioned. The *Times* says:

"The completion of the Pacific Railway, which is to be accomplished by July next, and which, through an extent of over 1,000 miles, will bring new regions into the full tide of civilisation, and at the same time, perhaps, revolutionize many of the existing relations of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, cannot fail to present openings such as will be the commencement of changes that must materially influence the destinies of future generations."

Europe is only now beginning to appreciate the importance of this great American work.

A Spanish pamphlet, advocating the claims of Don CARLOS, styled CHARLES VII., to the Spanish throne, has appeared in Paris. The writer argues that the solution of all Spanish difficulties is in three words, "God, country, king." In arguing against what is called religious liberty he cites the example of the United States as a terrible warning to Spain. Says he:

"What are the United States? What is this people, the model of our denationalized reformers? An immense bazar, a vast manufactory, a temple erected to matter as to a deity—nothing else; and if it be anything else let the history of their literature, their fine arts and their moral sciences prove it. Every people has, as the incontroverible expression of its grandeur, of the elevation of its mind—a poem. Spain, the heroic nation, so maligned by revolutionists—Spain has its Romancero and its Don Quixote. Where is the poem of the United States? Where are their Velasquez, their Murillos, their Juans, their Herreras? Where are their Suarez, their Vives, their Granadas? It is a country without art and without philosophy. It is a country of manufactures—a country of matter, and not of mind. And such is the model which our arch-ni patriots set before us! In the name of the Catholic people of Spain, in the name of human intelligence, we reject with all our might such models, and, rather than suffer the loss of our religious unity, we will brave, not merely poverty—for what is poverty?—but death, a thousand deaths, if need be."

This is indeed a terrible warning to Spain, as well as to the United States. But then the writer overlooks the fact that if we have no poets and heroes of our own, we are great admirers of the poets and heroes of Spain.

The farmers all over the country are laughing at the absurdity of Mr. GREELEY'S latest proposition before the Farmers' Club, for the destruction of the myriads of little insects which spring from the soil and destroy our fruit trees. The remedy offered by GREELEY is salt, with which, we presume, the little fellows are to be strangled, after the fashion of administering Mother Grimes' Flea Powder, viz.: by capturing each individual offender and then forcing a powder down its throat. It is the height of folly to think it possible to exterminate insects by means of salt, unless a sufficient quantity is scattered over the ground to destroy the trees, root and branch, and then, of course, the depredators will starve to death.

In another part of this morning's TIMES will be found an interesting letter from Mr. CHAS. A. PAGE, United States Consul at Zurich, on the subject of our Naturalization laws.

It seems that the colored dressmaker to Mrs. LINCOLN is not the only contemporary artist of that class who seeks to turn a connection with conspicuous personages to good account by writing. A Corsican peasant named GRISELLI, who was born near the birth-place of the first NAPOLEON, and in later years became a secret agent of the present Emperor, has just written and published a volume of "Memoirs" about his experiences and observations. He tells us that previous to the *coup d'état* NAPOLEON distributed fifty million francs among the officers and soldiers,—that he was for a time in a good deal of doubt as to the result, and that he had twenty-five millions of francs concealed in a carriage with which to cross the frontier in case of failure. There is a good deal of scandal in the book, which, like most of its class, is not absolutely reliable. GRISCELLI afterward became the secret agent of CAVOUR, and was actually a spy upon NAPOLEON during the Italian war.

The "people" of Tennessee seem to have taken the matter of collecting internal revenue into their own hands. The collecting officers are waited upon by representative committees, and politely informed that if they attempt to collect the taxes they will have their brains blown out. As a general thing, this useful class of our fellow-citizens seems to keep their brains...

CONGRESS AND ITS WORK.

The Temper on Retrenchment and Reform—Results thus Far—Encouraging Signs—Financial Legislation—Mr. Lynch's Bill—Soap as an Effective Lobby Agent—General Amnesty by Gen. Butler.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON CITY, Saturday, Jan. 16, 1869.

The country must begin to credit Congress with a sincere desire to respond to the demand for economy and retrenchment. The evidence of the past two weeks on this point is very gratifying and encouraging. Congress is, really, in no temper to contemplate schemes or propositions which may impose additional burdens upon the people. Everything, thus far, of this character has failed in both Houses; witness the recommittal of the Murphy Claim bill in the Senate, not because a majority did not feel that the claim was legal and just, but because it opened the doors of the Treasury for a hundred millions or less of the same character; witness the defeat of the Niagara Ship Canal bill, with a clear majority believing the enterprise right and wishing it success, only because it took twelve millions from the Government; witness the defeat of all territorial bills and schemes that ask for more money than they propose to return; the evident reluctance to increase the burdens of the tariff; the feeble efforts to increase the items of the Appropriation bills, after they leave the Committee, where they have been reduced to the lowest limit, &c., &c. These signs are encouraging, surely. Congress may change front, before the close of the session, under great pressure, and this commendation be thus rendered undeserved; but the time is short, the sentiment for economy is strong, the responsibility of members is apparently felt more keenly now than for many years before, and I believe there is a sincere faith to be exemplified by works that we are to have reform and retrenchment everywhere.

There is only a bare possibility that we are to have any financial legislation that will amount to anything. If anything is sought to be enacted it will be a proposition legalizing gold contracts, and possibly a resolution declaring our bonded debt payable in coin. This latter feature may have to be sugar-coated by the declaration that the United States notes must first be redeemed in coin, in order to meet Mr. SHERMAN'S views. Resumption established, the declaration as to the bonded debt ceases to have any force. Therefore, the gold contract feature is the only practicable proposition likely to succeed, and is in reality the first step toward specie payments. The bill of Mr. LYNCH, of Maine, with the very plain title of "A bill to provide for the resumption of specie payments," is the special order in the House for Monday, and as it cannot be disposed of except by considering it, the discussion of the subject will very likely begin in earnest. Mr. LYNCH has prepared an able speech in support of his views, and he will be supported, in part, by Mr. SMITH, of Vermont, and others. Mr. LYNCH'S bill has three propositions, to wit: First—Destroy all United States legal-tender notes received into the Treasury in the course of ordinary transactions, and issue a like amount of United States notes, redeemable in coin, on demand, at and after one year from the date of issue. Second—To cause all National Bank notes received at the Treasury to be redeemed by the bank issuing the same in United States legal-tender notes, which legal-tender notes shall in like manner be destroyed, and coin notes, payable in one year, issued in their stead. In other words, all the paper currency issued after July 1, 1869, from the Treasury of the United States, is to be notes payable in one year from the date of issue in coin. Third—To make these notes legal tender for the redemption of National Bank notes, and for all other purposes for which United States notes are now legal tender.

One of the neatest and most effective efforts at lobbying was accomplished here during the past week. A prominent soap-manufacturing firm in Philadelphia (McKEONE, VAN HAAGEN & Co.,) was made aware of some of the absurdities in the tariff system, as shown up by Mr. WELLS, by the attempt to admit "kryolite" free of duty. This is the article from which are made the alkalies used in the manufacture of soap. The point is that there is but one company in the United States which manufacture these alkalies, and they have a monopoly of the material "kryolite" from the Danish Government. At the same time it is proposed to increase the duty on sal soda 100 per cent., and on caustic soda thirty-three per cent., above the present tariff. Of course, this necessitated an increase of the tariff on soaps, or else the foreign manufacturer could enter our market and undersell our own. The firm resolved to oppose this scheme. The present tariff enabled them to successfully compete with foreign manufacturers, and they had no desire to compel the consumers of such an indispensable article to pay a higher price for it. Summoning the advice of a well-known journalist, they said they would go to Washington in person and see about it. "How much money shall we take?" said they. "Take only enough for your traveling expenses, and in place of money take some of your soaps," responded the newspaper man. A number of specimen boxes of highly-perfumed fancy toilet soaps were then prepared, and the first morning after arrival a small box neatly done up, accompanied by a fashionable-looking envelope, could be seen on the desk of each member. The effect was both amusing and interesting. Members looked at the box with suspicion; some, thinking, perhaps, it was filled with propitiation for a railroad subsidy, shoved it out of sight in a hurry; others, having their curiosity excited, opened it slyly under their desks; others hurried pages off with the parcel to the cloak-rooms; still others opened it boldly, and were gratified to find that after all it was *only* soap—and very odoriferous, flower-scented soap, too. With each box was a circular setting forth the reasons why the tariff on these articles should not be changed—as already stated. The House is, in consequence, in most excellent *odor* with the proposition to have cheap soap, an article they so much need; and in very bad odor, notwithstanding the soap, with the proposition to admit "kryolite" free.

Gen. BUTLER is still engaged in the merciful work of forgiving his enemies. On New-Year's Day he healed his breach with the President; and then hobnobbed with Secretary SEWARD, showing his sincerity since by urging the Cuban protectorate; last of all, he has smoked the pipe of peace with SAM WARD, and was yesterday seen in affectionate confab with that worthy on the same sofa in the room of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The rough places in BENJAMIN'S path are thus rapidly being made smooth, and it is to be hoped that this spirit of magnanimity may compass the entire array of his opponents.

CUMON.

The Lease of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad.

From the Boston Traveller, Jan. 16.

Parties well informed are of opinion that the recent lease of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad by the Boston, Hartford and Erie Company, will add to the intrinsic value of the latter corporation at least $1,000,000. Now that the contract is a "fact accomplished," it may be proper to give the details. The entire equipment of the Norwich and Worcester, in addition to the road-bed, is made over to the Boston, Hartford and Erie Company. From...

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

Conflicting Rumors—Hon. Caleb Cushing's Mission—The Municipal Elections—Republican Gains.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Sunday, Dec. 27, 1868.

All sorts of curious rumors have been floating about here this week. Fortunately they are so conflicting that they neutralize each other. In the first place it was stated that at a meeting of the leading Generals, which was held privately the other evening, it was resolved to proclaim the Duc DE MONTPENSIER King, with or without the cooperation of the Provisional Government. Then it was affirmed that at the last meeting of the Council of Ministers the merits of the different candidates were discussed, and a unanimous vote arrived at to support the Duke's pretensions. The only ground for this latter statement, that I can trace, is the reported assurance on the part of M. DE FIGUEROLA to several candidates for the Cortes, "that the members of the Government were perfectly agreed as to the solution of all pending questions." Now, admitting such an assurance to have been given, it does not in any way involve the inference which is sought to be deduced from it. There is no question legitimately pending regarding the claims of any particular candidate. To acknowledge that the Government had agreed to support the Duc DE MONTPENSIER would be to say that its members had violated their compact with the nation, and this they are not prepared to do. The success which has attended the efforts of the Republicans in the municipal elections is certainly a grave event, but they dare not and will not attempt to force any particular candidate upon the nation in view of the peaceable manner in which this result has been accomplished.

There is another version current of the proceedings at the council, which is just as improbable and which shows how little the assertions of the newspapers here are to be relied on. It is stated that a vote was really taken, but that out of nine voices five only declared in favor of the Duc DE MONTPENSIER. PRIM'S conduct at the meeting was said to be very equivocal, and it is affirmed that on the following day he sent a confidential agent to the Republican leaders, and offered to accept their programme on condition that he should be made President for life. This the chiefs of the party positively declined.

Now the exact truth in the midst af assertions so confidently advanced by journals and individuals who ought to be well informed is of course difficult to get at, but I have reason to believe that no material change has taken place in the position of the Government on this question. SERRANO, TOPETE and AGUILA are no doubt exceedingly anxious that it should commit itself to the choice of a candidate; and in his vexation at being unable to carry his point, the Duc DE LA TORRE has even been heard to say that "he regretted having assisted to effect the revolution." The attitude of PRIM, who, imitating the tactics of other successful pretenders, shuts himself up in an impenetrable reserve, alarms and irritates him, for he does not want to play second fiddle to that dashing adventurer, and the other members of the Government, such as SAGUSTA, ZORILLA and FIGUEROLA, are prevented by conscientious scruples from violating their pledges to leave the decision of the form of government and the choice of a king, if a monarchy should be pretered, to the Cortes. If this section of the Cabinet continues true to its promises, the Republican successes ought to confirm it in its resolution not to allow the military chiefs to attempt a *coup d'etat*. Their resistance would be sufficient to paralyze such a movement, for whatever the correspondent of the London *Times* may assert to the contrary, there are a large number of Republicans in the army, who would at once rally round the more patriotic portion of the Ministers, and dispute by force the usurpation thus attempted. As regards PRIM'S individual designs, they matter very little so long as interests continue thus evenly balanced. Nothing but a repetition of the imprudences committed at Cadiz can give him a chance of realizing his projects, and this the Republicans will take care to avoid. As to any alliance between him and the party, the idea is ridiculous. They entertain a strong feeling of dislike and distrust toward him, and they would not accept aid from him were he willing to give it, for they know that he would only use the party as a stepping-stone to the accomplishment of his plans. His true feeling in regard to republicanism was betrayed in his letter to the *Gaulois*, and in subsequent indiscreet declarations made to those about him as soon as he discovered that there were really Republicans in Spain. It is possible that he may soon be disposed to court the party, but I doubt it. He knows that he has given them mortal offence, and that they have no faith in his patriotism.

CALEB CUSHING'S MISSION.

The silence observed by the Government journals regarding the statements put forward in connection with Mr. CUSHING'S mission to Europe, have led to a very general belief here that he is coming to Spain to negotiate for the purchase of Cuba. It is useless to attempt to reason with people on the absurdity of this impression, for they are convinced that we are determined on having the island *cote qui conte*. I said to a gentleman who was incredulous on the subject, "What do we want to buy Cuba for, when we can get it free of cost, whenever we have a fancy for it?" "Oh, you dare not take it from us by force, in defiance of the opinion of the world." "You are right there," I replied, "but without moving a finger either to sign a paper or draw a trigger, the island will ultimately belong to us." "I am aware of that," he said; "the Cubanos will annex themselves." "Then why should we throw away our money to purchase what we can get for nothing?" "Oh, you would willingly pay a large sum to proclaim the immediate emancipation of the slaves." "Thank you," I said, "that game has already cost us sufficient sacrifices. We are not going to compensate you for doing your duty in regard to slavery. If you do not proclaim immediate abolition you will lose the island. In any case I am not sure that you can keep it; certainly the only chance you have of doing so is your at once according emancipation." "It the United States would avoid interference with us, and would not lend aid to the insurgents, we could hold the island as long as we pleased, with or without emancipation." "There is your mistake," I said; "We do not want Cuba, so long as we can be assured that it will remain in your possession. Until we have settled matters in our Southern States, the island would only prove a source of additional strife and embarrassment to us." "How then are we to account for the mission of Mr. CUSHING?" he asked; "there can be no mistake about that; our Government organs do not contradict the report that he is coming here to negotiate for the purpose." "It suits your Government to favor the rumor that such is the object of his visit to Europe. It wants to make the Spanish people believe that we are excessively eager for the purchase, and that we are aiding the insurrection. In no other way can it excuse the inconsistency of its programme in regard to Spain and its declarations in respect to Cuba. It is its truckling to the planters in violation of the principles which it has proclaimed, and its general insincerity when other important Cuban interests are to be dealt with, which are losing you the island. Were the United States disposed to take advantage of your blunders, it would have been already lost to you. But, as I have said, we do not want Cuba, at all events, not just now. Do equal justice to all classes of its population, and you need entertain no fears regarding us." He shook his head doubtingly, and left me unconvinced. And yet he is a man of fair political intelligence, and not usually prejudiced in his views. I have just the same difficulty with all with whom I converse on the subject. I am beginning to think that the wish is parent to the thought, and that Spaniards generally would be glad to see the Island disposed of at almost any price.

Since the above was penned I have seen in one of the Ministerial journals a telegram from Havana, which shows that the insurrection is making rapid progress. It announces the arrival of the 2,000 troops which had been already dispatched, and states that 15,000 more will be required to enable the Government to sustain itself and subdue the rebels. This calculation, you may be sure, is underestimated rather than exaggerated. It would be a fortunate thing for the liberties of Spain if Cuba were to draw off a large portion of her standing army. This would be doing her a greater service

REPUBLICAN GAINS.

In all the large towns of Catalonia, such as Barcelona, Lerida, Reus, Tarazona and Tortosa, the Republicans have carried the recent municipal elections by overwhelming numbers. In the Provinces of Valencia they have carried Castellon, Valencia, Alicante and Alcoy. In Andalusia, Carthagena, Murcia, Malaga, Grenada, Leja, Cordova, Seville, Xeres, Jain. In Arragon, Saragossa, Huesca, Barbastro, Teruel. In New-Castille, Almansa and Alvacete, and in Old Castile, Valladolid. Palencia and Tordesillas. They divide the victory equally with the Royalists in Saint Sebastian, Burgos, Corunna, Badajos, Pontevedra, Salamanca, Bilbao, Orense, Lugo and other towns of the same class. In Avila, Caceres, Cuenca, Gerona, Logrono, (ESPARTERO'S residence,) Pampelona, Segovia, Soria and Zamora they have sustained signal defeats. It is more than probable that they will be beaten in the central provinces and in all the rural districts, according to present calculations, it is pretty certain that they will form in the Cortes a compact and homogeneous body of from ninety to one hundred representatives. As the remainder of the National Legislature will be made up of Progressistas, Union Liberals, Moderadoes and Neo-Catholics, the Republicans will be in an actual majority. In view of this result, the Republican organs are demanding of the Provisional Government to yield up its powers and to abandon the idea of seeking to force a monarchy upon a people who have proved by the elections that they are utterly opposed to it. They further demand that each municipality throughout the country shall name a delegate to proceed to the Capital, and there to form a popular Central Junta, which shall name a Provisional Government charged to preside over the destinies of the nation in place of that which already exists.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

STEINWAY HALL.

The second Symphony Soirée of the fifth season was given by Mr. THEODORE THOMAS at Steinway Hall on Saturday evening. The attendance was not what it should have been. We regret to notice a growing indifference to these entertainments. It can be ascribed only to the fact that there are no public rehearsals, and therefore no opportunity to become acquainted with works which are often tough, and sometimes forbidding in their first aspect. Mr. THOMAS' orchestra is not inferior to that of the Philharmonic Society, save in numbers, and the programmes of the Soirées are always interesting. It is not necessary to swallow everything, but it is pleasant at all events to have a curious dish proffered to us, and Mr. THOMAS rejoices in curious dishes. He ought to have public rehearsals, and then people could chat about them. About fifty, for instance, would enable a quick-witted person, undisturbed by other avocations, to find out what Mr. RUBINSTEIN means by his "musikalisches charakterbild" called "Faust"—provided of course he means anything at all, except effort. What can be perceived at once in the work is incoherence; a rapsodical, fragmentary and muddled incoherence combined with natural coarseness. There are moments when the composer seems to have his finger on an idea, but it hops away before he has secured it. The work is without form and void; a very poor thing indeed. In strong contrast with this was the "Fitfulings Fantasie," by GADE, opus 23, played, like the preceding, for the first time in this country. The work has three movements, and is padded with a vocal quartette, a tenor solo, and a piano-forte part. The ideas are cheerful and sweet; the treatment is open and clear. We cannot, however, think that the quartette or the solo contribute to the delicate coloring of the orchestra. It is only negative praise to say that they do not disturb the flow of a very agreeable composition. The vocal quartette was not remarkable for steadiness, albeit led by that experienced and charming *artiste*, Miss MARIA BRAINARD. The solo was sung by Mr. WM. GROSCHEL, who has a strong voice of unpleasant quality. Mr. VON INTEN was at the piano, and, we have no doubt, did full justice to the partition. He is a careful player, but in this fantasie there is really nothing for him to do. Mr. THOMAS, like a good postillion, always saves a galop for the end. He gives us novelties because the public craves novelty, but he has always something good in reserve. BEETHOVEN'S Seventh Symphony (op. 92) was the *piece de resistence* on this occasion, and brought the concert to an end. Although it does not rank with the third, fifth or ninth symphonies, it is better than any of the others. The beautiful *allegretto*, and the surging *presto* are in the master's happiest mood. The treatment throughout is admirable, and particularly so in the last movement, where the theme is the shallowest. One is always young in the presence of genius. He is a dreary being who cannot rejoice with BEETHOVEN. Mr. THEO. THOMAS handled the orchestra with his usual ability. The symphony (especially the second movement) went finely; and GADE'S fantasie could hardly have been given better. "Faust" (who it will be remembered preferred lively devils to sedate ones, and selected *Mephistopheles* as the score of his superior vivacity,) fell into the hands of the Philistines, who lugubriously sawed him in pieces. We urge upon Mr. THOMAS, once more, to have public rehearsals. They will draw. The next concert takes place on Feb. 19, when an unusually varied programme will be offered.

MME. PAREPA-ROSA.

Mme. PAREPA-ROSA'S concert on Friday evening was the last of the present series. The lady proceeds in a devious way to New-Orleans, and thence returns by a route still more perplexing to New-York. The object is to capture all the mid-lying and out-lying towns, and compel them to pay tribute to the foremost representative of art now in America. May she be abundantly successful. The concert on Friday evening was remarkably well attended. Steinway's chaste and classic hall was completely filled by an audience that represented every class of the community from the stag dead-head to the reserved aristocrat. Even the upper galleries and the private boxes were filled. We mention these facts to show that Mme. ROSA has lost none of her old-time popularity. And, indeed, there is no reason why she should have done so. Her voice is as powerful and pure as ever, and her art is of that sort which does not quickly perish. We are not of those who admire Mme. PAREPA-ROSA in opera, but in the concert-room she is certainly unrivalled. Her *bravura* singing is perfect, and in the declamatory recitatives of HANDEL, MOZART, and BEETHOVEN she leaves absolutely nothing to be desired. The way in which she interpreted "Ah! perfido" two years ago, still lingers in every musical memory. Mme. PAREPA-ROSA, from her attainments rather than her style, is an oratorio singer, and the finest, or at least one of the finest, now living. Our readers who have not heard the lady will have an opportunity of judging for themselves during the last Lenten weeks of the present year. Several oratorios will be given in this City, with Mme. PAREPA-ROSA as the soprano. It is not, however, for these things that the public heart warms toward the lady. She touches the multitude by a simple and earnest rendering of ballad music—giving to each note its due value, and if the note be an upper one acting with great liberality toward it. In these little pieces Mme. ROSA often displays much archness and vivacity, and there is a charm about the smallest trifle, for the reason that every word can be distinctly understood. It is in the highest degree delightful to hear Madame sing a ballad. To return to the programme of Friday. The defect in it was that there was a great deal too much ROSA and not half enough PAREPA. We mean of course in a musical sense. He (the ROSA) appeared three times, and the audience being hardened in crime or steeped in supineness, permitted him to play twice more by way of encore. It is the curse of the fiddle that it always gets an encore. It is a Sisyphus of an instrument. If Mr. ROSA were the best of violinists, (which he is not,) this would be too much. In his way, he is pleasant enough. He trots around his little mill with manifest pleasure to himself, and even amuses those who are looking on. But it is enough to give one the blues to reflect that the next time we are called upon to attend a Parepa-Rosa concert, we must hear ERNST'S "Elegie." It was necessary to wade through four numbers before reaching Mme. PAREPA-ROSA herself, who then gave us an aria from "Robert le Diable." This was sung superbly, and led to an *encore* when the brilliant caballetta from "I Lombardi" was substituted. It was given with remarkable animation. In the second part the lady sang a new ballad by Mr. STEPHEN MASSETT, called, interrogatively: "Does Shall I See My Darling Again?" It is a smooth and melodious piece, which will take with the public, but it was cruel of Mme. PAREPA-ROSA to sing it twice. Owing to the accidental condition of Mr. LEVY'S lip, the lady sang once more; this time a thoroughly delightful ballad called "Nothing More to Do." Mr. LEVY'S position on the programme was extremely bad, coming as he did immediately after Mme. ROSA, and with a voice gone, temporarily "five blocks." Nevertheless, he carried the house by storm, and was compelled to essay another piece. This was the "Carnival of Venice." He played the theme delightfully, and the first variation well. Here, however, he paused, and explained to the audience that his lip being out of order it would be impossible for him to play more. And this proved to be the case. It is wonderful that what he did was accomplished so clearly. Signor FERRANTI obtained a hearty round of applause in the "Largo al factotume," and was obliged to sing "Femina, Femine" as an *encore*. Mr. BROCKHOVEN BOWLER also sang several pieces effectively. He has an agreeable voice, but a somewhat affected manner. Mr. C. W. COLBY was the accompanist.

SUNDAY CONCERTS.

Notwithstanding the threatening weather last night, there were two good attendances at Steinway and Irving Halls. Sunday concerts are evidently popular. They supply the community with amusement, light, warmth and comfort at a very moderate price. In a city so heterogeneous as New-York, these considerations are of weight. There is a large class, too, that having performed its religious duties, sees no harm in accommodating itself to mild and harmless relaxation. For all such the Sunday concerts are a blessing. It must be remembered that they are conducted with singular propriety and liberality. At Steinway Hall, Mr. THEODORE THOMAS gave his eighth regular concert. The programme was good—calculated in every way to demonstrate the precision and fire of the orchestra. There were no novelties of an instrumental form, but we may refer to the scherzo from the "Reformation Symphony," by MENDELSSOHN, as an exquisite instance of delicate interpretation. Mr. THOMAS had two soloists, Mr. C. ALTES, a gentleman who has a weak, colorless tenor voice, and Mr. J. A. DAWSON, a pianist who was too nervous to do justice to himself, but who possesses feeling and much correct and delicate insight into the meaning of what he plays.....At Irving Hall, the Mendelssohn Orchestral Union gave its third concert of the season. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. H. B. DODWORTH, numbered upward of sixty instruments. It was much better balanced than on any previous occasion, but something yet remains to be done. We are glad, however, to record the continued prosperity of the association and the changes for the better which take place in it. An organization of such extent is manifestly of importance to art, especially as it is a free organization. The principal piece played last night was "Les Preludes," by LISZT, which, although defective in parts, was given with grand effect as a whole. It served very acceptably as an indication of the metal of which the orchestra is composed. The light overture to the "Poet and Peasant" was played splendidly, as also was the march with which the concert terminated. The soloists who assisted on this occasion were Miss ROSE DUSSELDORF, Signor FOSSATI and Mr. ARNOLD. The lady has a good voice, but it runs down rapidly from correct intonation. Mr. LASSERVE presided at the piano as accompanist.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The complimentary concert to MATHEW D. GREENE on Saturday evening, at Irving Hall, ended in a very substantial and satisfactory result. The performance was a satisfactory one, and the hall was filled, but it did not, of course, represent the entire number of tickets actually sold. We are glad to hear that Mr. GREENE who,—although badly paralyzed,—was present, will be benefited to the extent of upward of two thousand five hundred dollars. This is not only acceptable in itself, but it is gratifying as an indication of the esteem in which Mr. GREENE is held by his friends.

Our Brooklyn friends have a treat in store. Mr. OLE BULL and his troupe visit the sister city on Wednesday next, when we doubt not the Academy of Music will be filled to its greatest capacity. We notice that Mr. J. ERNEST PERRING, the well-known composer and singer, has been added to the forces as accompanist. There is not a better one in the country.

Signora ELENA LANARI, a lady of culture and reputation, who comes to us highly commended by Italian and French critics, will give a grand concert at Steinway Hall on Tuesday evening. The lady has sung in several of the principal opera houses of Italy, her last engagement being at the Pergola in Florence, where she was the prima donna during the season of 1867. We trust sincerely that Signora LANARI'S success may be commensurate with her merits, which seem to be great. She will be assisted by Mr. J. W. HILL, Signor RONCONI, Mr. HARRY SANDERSON, Mr. U. C. BURNAP, and accompanist, Mr. OTTO SINGER.

A grand concert will be given at Steinway Hall to-night in aid of the St. David's Benevolent Society—a charity which does much good in its sphere of action, and, of course, appeals particularly to our Welsh friends. The programme of the entertainment is interesting. It will be rendered by Mrs. SOPHIE MOZART, Miss MATILDA TOZDT, (violinist,) Mr. GEORGE SIMPSON, Mr. AP MADOC, (now we are getting into it,) and Mr. LLWYYO LEWIS, (now we have got it,) Mr. EDWARD HOFFMAN and Mr. J. R. THOMAS. The latter gentleman has composed a song expressly for the occasion, called "Voice of the Mountain Land."

The Minstrels are doing so well that they offer no changes in the substantial elements of their programmes.

There is a nightly crowd at Tammany of between four and five thousand people. The entertainments are excellent, and the management in all its departments perfect. To-night a new comic pantomime by MAFFIT, the clown called "Robert Macaire," will be produced for the first time. MAFFIT, who is one of the best artists in his line living, will, of course, appear. The "Punch and Judy Show," in the basement, attracts much attention. In the course of a few months we hope to get the hang of all the attractions and entertainments of Tammany.

M. RIELEY, and his famous troupe of Japanese artists, have arrived in this country, and will shortly appear, it is said, at the Academy of Music.

Dramatic.

There is hardly a change to note in any of the theatres. At Wallack's, "The Wonder" will be performed; at Niblo's, "After Dark;" at the Broadway Theatre "The Emerald Ring;" at the New-York Theatre, "The Field of the Cloth of Gold;" at the Olympic, "Humpty Dumpty"—now nearly a year old; at Wood's, "Ixion" and "Ernani," (a double allowance,) and at the Bowery, the "Spanish Revolution" (new) and "Love in a Tub."

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MACY—NELSON.—On Tuesday, Jan. 12, by Friends' ceremony, FRANCIS H. MACY, Jr., to MARY, daughter of the late Henry A. Nelson, all of this City.

PATON—UNDERHILL.—In this City, on Thursday, Jan. 14, by Rev. Dr. Montgomery, JAMES PATON, Jr., to AUGUSTA, youngest daughter of the late George Underhill, Esq., all of this City.

DIED.

CORNWALLIS.—In this City, on Friday morning, Jan. 15, after a long illness, deeply regretted, ANNIE LOUISE, the beloved wife of Kinahan Cornwallis, and daughter of Samuel T. Tisdale, Esq.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the house, No. 32 East 14th-st., on Tuesday morning, the 19th inst., at 11 o'clock, without further invitation. The interment will take place in the Marble Cemetery, 2d-av.

CRAIG.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 17, ELIZABETH CRAIG, in the 80th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 39th-st., and 4th-av., on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

FANCHER.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday morning, Jan. 16, Mrs. RUTH FANCHER, widow of the late Charles W. Fancher, aged 29 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the Genevan Presbyterian Church, corner of Gates-av. and Hunter-st., on Monday, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock A. M.

GILLELAN.—On Friday, Jan. 15, RACHEL TAYLOR GILLELAN, wife of John Gillelan, Sr., aged 85 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Monday, Jan. 18, at 2½ o'clock, from No. 147 Adelphi-st., near Myrtle-av., Brooklyn.

HOOD.—On Saturday, Jan. 16, 1869, ROBERT HOOD, aged 53 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 248 West 31st-st., on Monday, the 18th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

☞ The members of Sylvan Grove Lodge No. 275, F. & A. M., are requested to meet at their rooms, Odd Fellows' Hall, on Monday, Jan. 18, at 11½ o'clock A. M., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, ROBERT HOOD. Members of the fraternity are cordially invited.

WESLEY B. CHUBCH, Master.

☞ The officers and companions of Corinthian Chapter No. 159, R. A. M., are requested to meet at their rooms at 11½ A. M., Jan. 18, to pay the last tribute of respect to our late companion.

R. G. MILLARD, H. P.

HOSIER.—On Saturday evening, Jan. 16, 1869, EDWARD HICKS-HOSIER, aged 47 years.

Relatives and friends and the Lodge of F. and A. M. of Fort Richmond, S. I., are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 143 East 49th-st., on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1869, at 10 A. M.

LAVENDER.—On Saturday, Jan. 16, at Princeton, N. J., THOMAS LAVENDER, in the 80th year of his age, an old resident of this City.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, on Tuesday, the 19th at 2 P. M. Carriages will be in waiting at Princeton Depot on the arrival of the 10 A. M. train from foot of Cortlandt-st.

LATOU.—On his voyage to Charleston, S. C., on Tuesday, Jan. 12, ROBERT LATOU, aged 70 years.

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Holders desiring to present their Bonds for payment are required to notify the Agent of State on or before the 20th day of March.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 7, 1869.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that a vote of the shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of this Association has been taken, and that this Association is closing up its affairs accordingly.

All the holders of bills issued by this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present said notes and other claims against this Association at the payment at the banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.

Dated TROY, Dec. 31, 1868.

By order of the Board of Directors.
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NATHANIEL MAYDEN,	CHARLES SANFORD,
WILLIAM H. SHERWOOD,	JOHN M. BRADLEY,
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And at a meeting of the Board this day, NATHANIEL HAYDEN and JOSEPH M. COOPER were severally unanimously re-elected President and Vice-President.

O. G. SUTCLIFF, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
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AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

JOHN CASTREE,	
DAVID B. JONES,	
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VANDERBILT L. BUXTON,	
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At a meeting of the Board, held this day, JOHN CASTREE, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

J. L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD on the 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

DANIEL BURTNETT,	CHARLES CURTISS,
JACOB D. MOEK,	LEWIS D. MOEK,
WM. J. VALENTINE,	JAMES F. JOYCE,
WILLIAM HALL,	HARRISON HALL,
ROBERT RAY,	WILLIAM CLOSE,
J. ELLIOT CONDICT,	DANIEL R. VAN VALEN,
EDWARD SCHELL,	KENBURGH,
MARTIN Y. BURNS,	S. R. COMSTOCK.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board CHARLES S. COMSTOCK, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 12TH inst. the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

JACOB VANDERVOORT,	WILLIAM TOWNSEND,
BENJAMIN S. SHERMAN,	WM. A. HADDEN,
ALEX'R T. STEWART,	GUSTAV SCHWAB,
JOHN D. MAITLAND,	JOSEPH GAILLARD, Jr.,
JOHN AUCHINCLOSS,	HENRY PALMER,
	JOHN A. STEWART.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board JACOB D. VERMILYE was unanimously re-elected President and BENJ. B. SHERMAN Vice-President.

B. McCARTEE, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, No. 71 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1869.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company, for the election of a President and Directors, will be held in this office on WEDNESDAY, 27th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon. The polls will be closed at 1 o'clock.

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held at 2 o'clock, same place, for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

The transfer books will be closed from the 10th inst. until after the election.

JAMES S. ROKER,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on 12th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

JAMES N. COBB,	PHILIP M. LYDIG,
JOHN Q. JONES,	FELIX INGOLDSBY,
WM. B. ASPINWALL,	ISAAC E. DITMARS,
ROBERT RAY,	JOSEPH SAMPSON,
R. LENOX KENNEDY,	GEORGE A. JONES,
SANFORD COBB,	WILLIAM H. GUION,
	JAMES A. ROOSEVELT.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Sanford Cobb was unanimously re-elected President.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

AT THE ELECTION HELD AT THIS Bank on the 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

BARNET L. SOLOMON,	THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr.,
WILLIAM A. KOBBE,	ANDREW J. WOOD,
J. O. WHITEHOUSE,	JAMES S. PYNE,
GEORGE A. FELLOWS,	JOHN Q. PREBLE,
	GEORGE C. COLBURN.

At a meeting of the Board held this day, THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr., was unanimously re-elected President.

JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 270 WEST 30TH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

INTEREST DUE FEB. 1 ON THE FIRST Mortgage Bonds of this Company will be paid at this office. Transfer books will be closed on the 15th inst. and reopened Feb. 2. Will be paid on presentation at this office, and interest will cease after that date.

C. C. CLARKE, Treasurer.

SHELDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the above Company will be held at its office, No. 22 William-st., New-York, on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., to vote upon the question of increasing the capital stock of the Company and of levying further assessments.

S. C. of the Directors, S. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 158 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, 19th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 5 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

AN ELECTION FOR TEN TRUSTEES of the Union Trust Company of New-York, first-class, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 73 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

C. T. CARLTON, Secretary.

THE COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1869, ON the Bonds of the Peruvian and Chilian Consols issue (except those on which payment has been stopped, a list of which may be seen at our office) will be paid on and after SATURDAY, Jan. 16, 1869, by

DABNEY, MORGAN & CO., Financial Agents,
No. 53 Exchange-place.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.,

BANKERS,

REMOVED TO

NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND IN GOLD AND GOLD COUPONS.

CLOSING PRICES.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1869—3 P. M.

	Buy.	Sell.		Buy.	Sell.
Registered, 1881	111¾	111¾	6-20 Coupon, '67	108¾	108¾
Coupon, '81	112¼	112¾	6-20 Coupon, '68	108¾	109
5-20 Reg., 1862	108¼	108¾	10-40 Registered	104¾	105
5-20 Coupon, '62	112¾	113	10-40 Coupon	107¾	108
5-20 Coupon, '64	109¾	109¾	Gold	136¾	136¾
5-20 Coupon, '65	110	110¼	U. S. Cur. 6's	101¾	101¾
5-20 Coupon, '65, Jan. and July	108¾	108¾			

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION,

RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD,

MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

BANKING HOUSE OF

HENRY CLEWS & CO.

NO. 32 WALL-ST.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DAILY BALANCES OF CURRENCY OR GOLD.

Persons depositing with us can check at sight, in same manner as with National Banks.

Advances made on approved collaterals.

Certificates of deposit issued bearing interest.

Collections made everywhere and loans negotiated.

We buy and sell at current market rate all issues of GOVERNMENT BONDS, and execute orders for the purchase and sale of GOLD and all first-class securities for the usual commission.

GREENEBAUM, BROTHERS & CO.,

BANKERS,

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NATIONAL PARK BANK BUILDING.

CHICAGO HOUSE: H. GREENEBAUM & CO.

DRAFTS FOR £1 AND MORE

ON ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND CONTINENTAL EUROPE.

BANKING HOUSE
OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co.
35 NASSAU ST.
CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

DEPOSITS received subject to check at sight, and interest allowed at the rate of FOUR per cent. per annum.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT issued, bearing interest, payable on demand, or after fixed dates.

COLLECTIONS made on all points in the United States, Canada and Europe. Dividends and Coupons also collected, and all most promptly accounted for.

ORDERS promptly executed for the purchase and sale of Gold; also, Government and other Securities.

LOANS negotiated.

HEDDEN, WINCHESTER & CO.,

No. 4 Wall-st.,

BANKERS AND BROKERS.

STOCKS, BONDS, GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, AND GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD on commission. Interest allowed on balances.

NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BANK, (LIMITED,) IN LIQUIDATION,
No. 157 PALMERSTON BUILDINGS,
OLD BROAD-ST.

LONDON, Dec. 23, 1868.

We beg to inform you that we have, as Voluntary Liquidators of the English and American Bank, (Limited), declared a further division of the capital of £1 10 per share, making with the former distributions ninety per cent. of the amount paid up on the shares.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient servants,
(Signed) H. G. GORDON,
JOHN B. KEY,
LAWFORD ACLAND,
SAMUEL GRAY.

J. M. WEIR & CO.,

DEALERS IN SOUTHERN SECURITIES,
No. 15 New-st. and No. 70 Broadway,
NEW-YORK.

Offer for sale:

Mobile and Ohio Sterling Bonds.
Mobile and Ohio 8 per cent. Interest Bonds.
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Virginia Registered Stock.
Memphis and Charleston Second Mortgage Bonds.
Memphis and Charleston Stock.

B. MURRAY, JR.,

BROKER IN

GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES,

NO. 2 NASSAU-ST., N. Y.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 68 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, 11th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors of this Company for the ensuing year:

THOMAS C. MILLER,	FREDERICK AHEAD,
LEVI APGAR,	CHAS. H. APPLEGATE,
D. R. MARTIN,	H. K. THURBER,
GEO. HAVEMEYER,	M. CORNELL WHITE,
O. W. FARNDOLPH,	ERASTUS T. TEFFT,
JOHN S. PUPKE,	ALLAN HAY,
MARTIN BUNN,	CHAS. S. BEEBE,
EDGAR PINCKNEY,	JAMES TILLMAN,
JOHN B. HOLDANE,	JAMES WALLACE,
CHAS. H. BROOKS,	THOS. M. WHEELER,
JOHN H. HALLAM,	WM. H. GUION,
S. S. CHAMBERLIN,	ADOLPH EBERHARDT,
CHARLES SPEAR,	CHAS. S. RICHARD,
JOHN D. JONES,	T. T. WOOD,
JOHN M. WHITE,	JAMES M. REQUA.
ALEX. BONNELL,	

At a subsequent meeting of the Board held this day, NICHOLAS C. MILLER, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President. M. M. BRADLEY, Secretary.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank, held on the 12th inst. the following-named gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year, viz.:

ISAAC PALMER,	CHAS. BURKHALTER,
JOHN B. HARRIS,	JOSEPH RUDD,
HELMUS M. WELLS,	WM. A. HALL,
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS,	HENRY L. ROQUET,
GEO. W. PLATT,	WARREN HARRIOTT,
JOHN R. LAWRENCE,	JONA W. ALLEN.
GEO. J. ZABRISKIE,	NATHAN SWEETSER,
FRANCIS P. FURNALD,	PETER B. SWEENY,
	ANDREW MILLS;

and SAMUEL C. HARRIOTT, HUDSON HOAGLAND and JOHN W. MAZURY were elected Inspectors of the next ensuing election.

At a meeting of the Board subsequently held, F. A. PALMER, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and CHARLES BURKHALTER, Esq., Vice-President.

J. E. EVERITT, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 25 BROAD-ST., CORNER EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK,
Jan. 16, 1869.

AT AN ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS, held at the Banking-house, on the 12th inst., the following gentlemen were duly elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

JNO. B. DICKINSON,	EDWIN F. KNOWLTON,
JOS. T. SANGER,	J. H. DATER,
JOHN BLANCHARD,	TIMOTHY B. PORTER,
JOHN FALCONER,	JOSEPH SELIGMAN,
HENRY J. BAKER,	C. F. DAVENPORT,
ALBERT G. LEE,	WM. R. FOSTER,
JOHN H. STOUT,	A. A. SELOVER,
	HARVEY E. HICKS.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. JOHN B. DICKINSON was unanimously reelected President and Mr. JOSEPH SELIGMAN was unanimously re-elected Vice-President.

J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1869.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHAFER OIL COMPANY.—The amount of capital of the Company is $500,000. Stock for the full amount of said capital was issued in payment of the property real estate on Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, as heretofore reported to the Secretary for the business of the Company, as full stock, not liable to any further call or assessments. The amount of the existing debts of the Company does not exceed $2000.

CHARLES STORRS, President.

GEORGE S. MAULTON, A. RICHMOND,
H. B. LORD, A. L. DICKINSON,
CHARLES O. WILCOX, } Trustees.
DANIEL S. ARNOLD, Secretary.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York:

Subscribed and sworn to before me by D. S. Arnold, Secretary, this 16th January, 1869.

J. S. NORRIS, Notary Public.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK,
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, No. 141 Broadway,
Jan. 13, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank, held this day, the following named persons were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year:

WM. A. WHEELOCK,	BENRY A. SMYTHE,
FRANCIS SKIDDY,	JOSEPH W. COGGILL,
HORACE B. CLAFLIN,	CHAS. G. LANDON,
SIMON BERNHEIMER,	NATHAN A. BALDWIN,
	ROBERT M. BEDELL.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, WILLIAM A. WHEELOCK was unanimously reelected President, and FRANCIS SKIDDY, Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

W. H. SANFORD, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

EDWARD HOYT,	WM. C. CRUIKSHANK,
JOSEPH STUART,	JOSEPH S. HOYT,
JOHN H. FURMAN,	HENRY SWIFT,
CHARLES L. ANTHONY,	GEORGE OPDYKE,
	PHILO C. CALHOUN.

And Inspectors of the next election:

E. L. BOILES, S. P. LEE, Jr., T. BELKNAP, Jr.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. PHILO C. CALHOUN was unanimously re-elected President, and Mr. JOSEPH STUART Vice-President.

B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN R. R. CO.
GENERAL OFFICE, No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1869.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed from this date until the morning of Wednesday, the 20th inst. By order of the Board of Managers.

A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 157 Broadway, on MONDAY, Feb. 1, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. JACOB H. MOORE, Secretary.

ALL KINDS OF SOUTHERN SECURITIES bought and sold by

LEVY & SONS,
No. 47 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1868.

The transfer books or this Company will be closed on the 4th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 12.

A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, free of National and state taxes, payable in common stock, on and after Jan. 20, 1869, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 4th of January next. All payable at this office.

All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAL MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NO. 70 BROADWAY,
ROOM NO. 7, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1868.

The Directors of this Company have this day declared a Half-yearly Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. Four Dollars per Shares on the capital stock of the Company, payable to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, 1869, at the Company's office, as above.

The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 9 until Jan. 21.

By order of the Board,

F. P. WHITE, Secretary and Treasurer.

PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 393 Canal-st.

Cash Capital - - - - - - - $150,000
Surplus - - - - - - - - - 61,000

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

FRED. V. PRICE, Secretary.

NAUGATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY,
BIRMINGHAM, Conn., Jan. 5, 1869.

DIVIDEND NO. 37.

A dividend of Five per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this road on the 15th of February next.

The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 6 to Feb. 16, both days inclusive.

H. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 149 Broadway, Northwest corner Liberty-st.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1868.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Six per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders on demand.

JAN. 6, 1869. W. E. CRARY, Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 158 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

A semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, is payable on demand.

A. H. WALTON, Secretary.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

LAMAR FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 53 Wall-st.

A semi-annual dividend of SIX per cent., free of tax, is payable on demand.

JAN. 16. W. R. MACDIARMID, Secretary.

THE BANK FOR SAVINGS, Jan. 13, 1869.

THE TRUSTEES HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend or interest, under the provisions of the by-laws, for the last six months ending 31st December, as follows:

At the rate of five per cent. per annum on all sums of five and under five hundred dollars, and of four per cent. on all sums amounting to five hundred dollars and upward.

Also, an extra dividend, being in addition and precisely equal in amount to the said half-yearly interest or dividend, and calculated on the same principle.

This interest is carried at once to the credit of depositors as principal on the 1st inst., where it stands exempt as a deposit. It will be accounted for by the Bank at any time when required on and after the third Monday, being the 15th of this month.

ROBERT LENOX KENNEDY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,
NOS. 12 AND 14 CORNT-ST., BROOKLYN, Jan. 12, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) per cent. has this day been declared. free from Government tax, and payable on demand, at their office in New-York.

NOTICE.—This Company have removed their office in New-York to No. 128 Broadway (corner Liberty-st.), and offer to sue public an unimpaired cash capital of ONE MILLION DOLLARS, added to which is a surplus of several hundred thousand dollars, and insures against loss by fire, ocean marine, and inland navigation and transportation, on as favorable rates as is consistent with safety and mutual protection.

FINLANDER SHAW, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
HOWARD BUILDING, No. 176 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SCRIP DIVIDEND OF TWENTY PER A Cent., free of Government tax, on the business of the past year, has been declared, for which certificates will be issued April 6.

Six per Cent. interest on all outstanding scrip will be paid on and after Feb. 2, at which date also the outstanding certificates of this Company, of the issue of 1864, will be redeemed in cash.

THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE and a Half per Cent. has been declared by this Company, payable Feb. 1, 1869, free of Government tax. Stockholders holding certificates issued at New-York will be paid at the office of the "United States Trust Company of New-York." No. 49 Wall-st.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Jan. 16 until Feb. 1.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, it was

Resolved, That a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., in cash, free of Government tax, be paid, on the 1st day of February next, to the holders of the fully paid shares, registered on the 18th day of January next, and that the transfer books be closed on the said 18th day of January and opened on the 5th day of February.

THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE FIREMAN'S TRUST INSURANCE CO.
OF BROOKLYN, NO. 25 COURT-ST. AND NO. 69
WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, DWIGHT JOHNSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and a semi-annual dividend was declared of FIVE PER CENT. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

O. D. MILDEBERGER, Secretary.

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO 156 BROADWAY.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of SIX (6) per cent., free of Government tax, on the 13th inst.

WASHINGTON POST, Jr., Acting Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1869.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 161 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1869.

EIGHTH DIVIDEND.—NOTICE IS HEREby given that this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable on demand.

JOHN W. MURRAY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SPRING MOUNTAIN COAL CO.,
ROOMS NOS. 2 AND 3 No. 25 NASSAU-ST.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a cash dividend of Five (5) per cent., payable on and after Jan. 20, 1869, at the office of the Company. The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 19th inst., both days inclusive.

ROBERT KNOX, Secretary and Treasurer.

KNICKERBOCKER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW-YORK, OFFICE, No. 64 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors held this day, a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, was declared payable on and after Jan. 11, 1869.

The transfer books will be closed, from this date until Jan. 11, 1869.

JOSEPH L. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 117 BROADWAY.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared the usual SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE per Cent.; also, an EXTRA DIVIDEND of TWO AND ONE-HALF per Cent., both free from Government tax, and payable on demand.

WILLIAM M. ST. JOHN, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 472 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1868.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROpolitan National Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on the first MONDAY of January next.

The Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 10, 1869.

GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.

TWENTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of the MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on and after Monday, the 4th inst., at their office, No. 186 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.

WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

OFFICE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 48 WALL-ST.,
(BANK OF NEW-YORK BUILDING),
NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN A (7) per cent., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on demand.

J. M. TOMPKINS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on demand.

CHARLES BAMBURGH, Secretary.

PACIFIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 470 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.

THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Eight (8) per Cent, free of Government tax, payable on the 11th inst.

T. F. JEREMIAH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 141 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WM. RAYNOR, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 140 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, was declared, payable on demand.

HENRY MOEY, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE EMPIRE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 102 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE DIrectors have this day declared a dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WM. A. BURTIS, JR., Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 118 BROADWAY, Jan. 2, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, and is payable on demand.

WM. J. HUGHES, Secretary.

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE No. 135
BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

J. V. ARRAUTEON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 129 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Secretary.

THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. upon its capital, payable to its stockholders or to their legal representatives, on and after THURSDAY, 14th inst.

CYRUS PECK, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

NORTH AMERICAN
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 114 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL.....$200,000
SURPLUS, Jan. 1, 1869.....273,843
ASSETS.....$473,843

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

F. H. CARTER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1869.

OFFICE OF MANHATTAN INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 48 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent., payable on demand.

GEO. B. HODGSDON, Secretary.

WILLIAMSBURGH CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL.....$250,000.
SURPLUS.....$240,000.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on demand.

R. GIROUX,
Secretary.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 8, 1869.

ARE YOU INSURED?

OFFICE OF THE RUTGERS FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 180 CHATHAM-SQUARE.

27TH DIVIDEND.

The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of SEVEN PER CENT. free of tax, payable Feb. 1, 1869.

JAS. W. DUGLISS, Secretary.

THIRTIETH DIVIDEND,

OFFICE OF THE IRVING FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. and the Government tax, payable on demand.

JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

A dividend of Five Per Cent., free of Government tax, has been declared out of the profits of last six months, payable on the 18th day of January, 1869, at No. 122 Bowery.

WM. E. LEGGETT, Secretary.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURG, Dec. 15, 1868.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend (No. 20) of 2½ per cent., free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1868, and semi-annual interest of 3½ per cent., less Government tax, on the Third mortgage bonds, payable on and after Monday, the 19th day of January, 1869, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 27 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburg. The transfer books will close on SATURDAY, 26th inst., at 2 P. M., and reopen TU

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PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE...SATURDAY, Feb. 6
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PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine.)
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $140; second cabin, $95.
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including railway tickets, furnished on board,
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CALEDONIA.....Jan. 23 EUROPA.....Feb. 13
BRITANNIA.....Jan. 30 INDIA.....Feb. 20

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Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $140.
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Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $37.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at low rates.
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AUSTRALIAN.....Feb. 3 CUBA.....Feb. 24

Passage money payable in gold.
Cabin.....$130 | Second Cabin.....$80
Cabin to Paris.....$145 |
No steerage passengers carried.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent; and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN
STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAYS.

COLORADO.....3,015 tons.....Jan. 20, at 10 A. M.
NEBRASKA.....3,392 tons.....Jan. 27, at 9 P. M.
CELTIC (new).....2,960 tons.....Feb. 3, at 11 A. M.
NEVADA (new).....Feb. 10, at 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold; Steerage, $35, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
For freight or passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.

TRIPOLI.....Jan. 28 ALEPPO.....Feb. 4
TARIFA.....Feb. 11 SIBERIA.....Feb. 18

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For Freight or Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
E. CUNARD.

NATIONAL LINE.

THE STEAMSHIP DENMARK, Cutting.
Will leave SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 12 M., from Pier No. 47 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, Nos. 69 Broadway.
E. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman Line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Jan. 16, 2 P. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Jan. 23, 1 P. M.
KANGAROO (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1 P. M.

And every subsequent SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE
PAYABLE IN GOLD.

First Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$30 and 35
To London.....105 | To London.....35 and 40
To Paris.....115 | To Paris.....40 and 45
Halifax.....20 | Halifax.....15
St. John's, N. F., by Branch steamer.....45 | St. John's, N. F., by Branch steamer.....30

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.

THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month from Panama about the 20th, in time for the arrival of the British Mail steamer at Aspinwall. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer leaving New-York for Aspinwall on the 5th of each month will make the necessary connection. Passengers and cargo booked through from New-York to the several Colonial ports. A special steamer runs to the newly discovered gold region of Hokitika.

For further information regarding rates of freight, passage money, &c., &c., apply to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 58 Wall-st, or to
CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin.		Second Cabin.	Steerage.
Outside.	Inside.		
$275	$225	$150	$75

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,

FOUR TIMES A MONTH
On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,

except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.

JAN. 23—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. CONNER, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. W. H. WEST.

Steamer leaving Feb. 9, connects closely with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco March 5, 1869, for China and Japan.

For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st.
F. H. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:

MERRIMACK, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKELPAUGH, Feb. 23.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. Geo. B. Sloan, March 23.

These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.

UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer
EAGLE, Capt. R. H. GREENE,
at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River. For engagements of freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President. No. 5 Bowling-green.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICE.....Jan. 21.
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, via Nassau.....Jan. 28.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS.....Feb. 4.

For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, sailing every twenty days. The fine steamship GRANADA, Capt. C. H. HARRIS, will leave Pier No. 17 East River, on FRIDAY, Jan. 29, at 10 A. M. Passage to Havana, $65 currency. For freight passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 44 Beaver-st.

FOR MOBILE.

VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.

The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the first-class steamer
FLAG, Capt. HOFFMAN,
on SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. Is now receiving. Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent to Mobile. Through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior at lower rates than any other line.

Has splendid cabin accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf Ports.

For freight or passage apply to
J. F. PATTERSON, Agent, No 174 Chambers-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.

BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.

The first-class steamship RAVEN will leave Pier No. 13 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 5 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 93 West-st.
Cabin passage $20.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

THE CROMWELL LINE.

Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

GEO. CROMWELL.....VAILL...SATURDAY, Jan. 23
GEO. WASHINGTON...GAGE...SATURDAY, Jan. 30

Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates.

For passage, first and second class, or freight apply to the agents, H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 56 West-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and elegant side-wheel steamship MAGNOLIA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander, will be dispatched on THURSDAY, Jan. 21, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 9, North River. Cabin passage reduced to $15. Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston, R. LAWENEL & CO.) forward all goods free of commission. ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

The steamship SARAGOSSA will sail on the following THURSDAY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company.—The steamship CHAUNCEY, sailing on SATURDAY, 23d inst., at 12 M. Freight received until 4 P. M. on FRIDAY, 22d inst.

All former facilities afforded to shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
F. H. BABY, Agent.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

A PARTNER WANTED WITH $8,000, TO manage a manufactory in London, England; passage paid over and $3,000 salary; profits to each partner not less than $8,000 per annum. Address C., Box No. 94 St. Nicholas Hotel, New-York.

AUCTION SALES.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF 400 LOTS,

PART OF

The Morris-Stebbins Tract.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Jan. 28, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York,

400 VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS,

SITUATE ON

The Grand Central Avenue,

a continuation of the 7th and 8th-av. Boulevard, about three-quarters of a mile from Harlem Bridge, in Westchester County, on a line with 125th-st., and about 1,200 feet from the Morrisania and Melrose Stations of the Harlem Railroad, and one-quarter of a mile from Fordham horse cars, making the property accessible at all hours of day or night.

It is now proposed to place this portion of Westchester County under the charge of the

CENTRAL PARK COMMISSIONERS,

This property thus situated offers unusual inducements, either as an investment or for the purpose of erecting suburban residences, combining the advantage of city and country.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF VALUABLE improved property on Amity, West 19th and 40th sts., and on 7th-av., near Broadway; also lots on 39th-av. and 42d-st. By order of the undersigned executors and devisees of THOMAS W. THORNE, deceased.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on

TUESDAY, JAN. 26,

at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

AMITY-ST.—The two lots of land, with the brick and frame buildings thereon, situate on north side of Amity-st., between 6th-av. and Macdougal-st., and known as Nos. 127 and 129. Lots each about 22x100 feet.

WEST 19TH-ST.—The first-class three-story brown-stone house and lot, situate on the northerly side of 19th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., and known as No. 16. The house is 21.5x54 feet, has all modern improvements and is in good order. Lot 92 feet in depth.

7TH-AV.—Five four-story brick houses and lots, situate on the easterly side of 7th-av., commencing on the northeast corner of 40th-st., Nos. 489, 491, 493, 495 and 497 7th-av. Houses contain modern improvements.

WEST 40TH-ST.—Two four-story brick dwelling-houses and lots on north side of 40th-st., commencing 60 feet east of 7th-av., and adjoining the last-described property, known as Nos. 115 and 117.

42D-ST.—Three vacant lots on the south side of 42d-st., commencing 100 feet west of 8th-av., each 25x100 feet.

10TH-AV.—Four lots situate on the west side of 10th-av., commencing on the southwest corner of 46th-st., each 25.11x100 feet.

Sixty per cent. of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage.

WILLIAM S. THORNE,
JOHN W. THORNE,
THOMAS W. THORNE,
CHARLES R. THORNE.

Maps at the office of the Auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., New-York.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF
SIXTY FOUR
VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS,
COMPRISING THE ENTIRE BLOCK BOUNDED BY 97TH AND 98TH AVS.,
97TH AND 98TH STS.,
TO CLOSE AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1869,
AT HALF-PAST 0 O'CLOCK,
AT THE EXCHANGE SALESROOM,
NO. 111 BROADWAY, TRINITY BUILDING, N. Y.,

The following described Real Estate, viz.:

97TH-ST.—Five lots on north side of 97th-st., comprising the entire front between 9th and 10th avs.

98TH-ST.—24 lots on south side of 98th-st., comprising the entire front between 9th and 10th avs.

9TH-AV.—4 lots on southwest corner of 97th-av. and 98th-st.; 9th-av. is paved with Belgian pavement.

10TH-AV.—4 lots on southeast corner of 10th-av. and 98th-st.

The above described lots belong in the immediate vicinity of the Central Park, and of first-class improvement, are rapidly enhancing in value, and very desirable as an investment; and to those wishing to purchase with a view to the erection of private residences, the lots on 97th-st. offer unusual inducements, the street being 100 feet wide, paved with Belgian pavement, on high, commanding ground, and very near the Central Park.

TERMS OF SALE UNUSUALLY LIBERAL, viz.: 70 per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage, with privilege of paying at any time by giving thirty days' notice.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., New-York.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF 98 VALUABLE lots on Madison, 1st and 4th avs., Avenue A, 42d, 43d, 44th, 45th, 46th and 56th sts.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway (Trinity Building,) by order of Edward Pearsall and Phebe Pearsall, executors of estate of Frances Pearsall, deceased:

1ST-AV.—Southeast corner 56th-st., 5 lots, each 20x 96.5.

AVENUE A.—Southwest corner 56th-st., 5 lots, each, 20x 96.5.

EAST 56TH-ST.—21 lots, entire front, south side, between 1st and Avenue A, each 20x100.5.

LEXINGTON-AV.—Northwest corner 44th-st., 8 lots, each 20x85.

EAST 44TH-ST.—4 lots, north side, 95 feet west of Lexington-av., adjoining the above, each 20x100.5.

Also, 5 lots, comprising the entire block bounded by Madison and 4th-avs., 45th and 46th sts.

LEXINGTON-AV.—Entire front, east side, between 43d and 44th sts., 10 lots, each 20x100.

EAST 42D AND 43D STS.—8 lots, adjoining the above on the rear.

4TH-AV.—Northeast corner 46th-st., 6 lots, corner lot 30x100.5, balance 20x100.5.

EAST 42D-ST.—South side, 125 feet west of Lexington-av., 2 lots, each 25x100.

TERMS OF SALE.—75 per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage for 3 or 5 years at 7 per cent., with privilege of paying off by giving sixty days notice.

Maps now ready at No. 3 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS ON AMITY AND 3RD STS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

4TH-AV.—5 lots west side of 4th-av., commencing 25.5 feet north of 62d-st.

62D-ST.—1 lot north side, 25 feet east of Madison-av.

Also, 1 lot north side, 100 feet east of Madison-av.

Also, 2 lots north side, 150 feet east of Madison-av.

Also, 2 lots north side, 200 feet west of 4th-av.

62D-ST.—2 lots south side, 25 feet east of Madison-av.

Also, 4 lots south side, 100 feet east of Madison-av.

Also, 2 lots south side, 150 feet west of 4th-av.

EDW. A. LAWRENCE, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE.—LAWRENCE, WRIGHT & STRATTON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Jan. 21, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:

The valuable Water Front at Brooklyn, (formerly Williamsburg,) situated 100 feet south of the Grand-street Ferry, and distant 75 feet north of South First-st., consisting of three lots, each 25 feet front, by the whole depth from the river to Water-st., or (the old bye-road road,) with the right to fill in front of the same to the bulkhead line, as established by law, together with all the valuable water rights and privileges in front of the premises. Terms one day of sale.

Maps and particulars at auctioneers' office, No. 11 Pine-st., New-York.

VALUABLE BOOKS AT AUCTION.

Clinton Hall Salerooms and Art Galleries.—LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers.—MONDAY, Jan. 18, and following evenings, a private collection of Books, comprising a very choice assortment of standard literature, many early and rare works, illustrated works, &c., many of which are in handsome bindings. Catalogues ready and books on exhibition.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY T. B. MINTURN, BROWN & CO.—THIS DAY, (Monday,) Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, within their store:

200 Cases Valencia Oranges, Landing.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.

BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE,
BETWEEN
NEW-YORK AND BOSTON, NEWPORT, FALL RIVER, TAUNTON, NEW-BEDFORD AND CAPE COD TOWNS AND NANTUCKET.

Rates of fare and freight always as low as by any other regular line.

Two of the Magnificent Steamboats,
NEWPORT or OLD COLONY,
Leaves Pier No. 28 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 4 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.

By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 6 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 6:10 A. M., in time to connect with all Northern and Eastern trains; or rest undisturbed, breakfast on board, and take 7:45 A. M. train, and arrive in Boston at early business hours.

E. S. LITTLEFIELD, Agent,
NEW-YORK, Aug. 12, 1868. No. 72 Broadway, N. Y.

STONINGTON LINE.
TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.
GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.

Fare always as low as by any other line.
The new and elegant Side-wheel Steamers
STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT,
Capt. WM. M. JONES. Capt. GEO. B. HULL.
From Pier No. 33, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 4 P. M.
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at the principal hotels, at No. 3 Astor House, and at Dodd's Express office, No. 944 Broadway.
D. S. BABCOCK,
President Stonington Steamboat Company.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &C.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

STATIONERY.

SLOTE & JANES,
Stationers, Printers and Blank Book Manufacturers,
No. 82 Fulton-st. Orders solicited.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

BOARD.—TO LET TO ONE OR TWO GENTLEMEN a comfortable furnished front room, with plate board, in a private residence, 45th-st., between 6th and 7th aves.; first-class location. Address with reference, A. B. C., Box No. 859 Post Office.

TO LET—IN NINTH WARD, PARLOR AND bedroom, furnished, with partial board, to single middle-aged gentlemen; family private. Apply at No. 656 Greenwich-st.

NO. 52 EAST 15TH-ST., NEAR IRVING-place—A suite of handsome furnished rooms on second floor, with board, to a family or party of gentlemen; reference given and required.

BOARD AT HARLEM.—A GENTLEMAN and his wife desire to obtain board on the west side of Harlem in a private family. Address, stating terms and location, D. B. S., Box No. 1,861 Post Office, N. Y.

WANTED—FOR A GENTLEMAN, FURNISHED bedroom, third floor, locality south, fire, gas, &c., with board, in a good location. Address, with terms, B. E. C., Box No. 1,857 Post Office.

A PLEASANT SUITE OF FRONT ROOMS to let, with or without board, at No. 17 East 37th-st.; references exchanged.

BOARD WANTED WITH PRIVATE table, for family of four; no nurse. Address, with particulars, Everett Lapraey, No. 72 West 34th-st.

NO. 36 WEST 10TH-ST., BETWEEN 5TH and 6th avs.—Beautiful large front room, neatly furnished; modern improvements.

NO. 4 EAST 10TH-ST., ONE DOOR FROM 5TH-av., furnished apartments, three rooms en suite, with conveniences complete, to let with private table only.

DRY GOODS.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS
IN
HOUSEKEEPING GOODS,
BLANKETS, FLANNELS, &c.,
PRIOR TO THE REMOVAL OF THEIR RETAIL BRANCH OF BUSINESS TO THE NEW AND SPACIOUS PREMISES,
CORNER BROADWAY AND 19TH-ST.

600 DOZEN 5-8 LINEN DAMASK NAPKINS,
At $4 87 per dozen;
500 DOZEN 5-8 EXTRA QUALITY DO.,
At $5 75 per dozen;
600 DOZEN GOOD FRINGED HUCK TOWELS,
At $2 50 per dozen;
1,000 DOZEN FINE AND EXTRA SIZE HUCK TOWELS,
At $3 per dozen.
25 PIECES 10-4 HEAVY LINEN SHEETINGS,
At $1 per yard.
25 PIECES 11-4 FINE QUALITY LINEN SHEETINGS,
At $1 25 per yard.
25 PIECES 11-4 EXTRA FINE LINEN SHEETINGS,
At $1 50 per yard.
FULL SIZE 11-4 MARSEILLES QUILTS,
From $1 75 and upward.
300 PAIRS FULL SIZE BLANKETS,
Only $4 50 per pair.
200 PAIRS EXTRA QUALITY BLANKETS,
At $5 50 per pair.
60 PIECES PLAID FRENCH FLANNELS,
Finest imported, 75 and 85 cents per yard.
LARGE LOT REAL SHAKER FLANNELS,
At 30 cents per yard.
Together with a fine line of
FAMILY SHIRTING LINENS,
DAMASKS, TOWELINGS, PIQUES,
IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC WHITE GOODS, &c.,
AT EQUALLY LOW PRICES!
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
CORNER CANAL AND MERCER STS.

THE GREAT Closing Out Sale,

TO BE CONTINUED UNTIL THE WHOLE STOCK IS DISPOSED OF,

REGARDLESS OF COST.

BARGAINS IN BOMBAZINES, POPLINS, REPS, ALPACAS, LUSTRE CORDS, CREPES, BLACK SILKS, &c., ALSO A GREAT VARIETY OF SECOND MOURNING GOODS.

JACKSON'S MOURNING STORE,

NO. 551 BROADWAY,
BETWEEN SPRING AND PRINCE STS.

BLANKETS, BED COMFORTERS, QUILTS.

A large and complete assortment at EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

Also, COTTON AND LINEN SHEETINGS, SHIRTINGS AND PILLOW-CASE GOODS, of all the best makes; TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS, DOYLIES, TOWELS, CRASH, and PIANO COVERS, MATTRESSES, SPRING BEDS, FEATHERS, TICKINGS, some of extra quality, not to be found elsewhere; IRON BEDSTEADS, CRADLES, MATTRESS AND UMBRELLA STANDS, STORE AND PIANO STOOLS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

WILLIAM GARDNER,

No. 244 Canal-st., between Broadway and Centre-st.

BARGAINS

IN RICH FURS.

THE SALE WILL CONTINUE FOR THIRTY DAYS, AT LESS THAN COST.
TERRY, NO. 19 UNION-SQUARE.

R. H.	DRY GOODS AND FANCY GOODS,	MACY.
R. H.		MACY.
R. H.		MACY.
R. H.		MACY.
R. H.	AT POPULAR PRICES.	MACY.
R. H.	14th-st. and 6th-av.	MACY.

KID GLOVES AT COSTS PAIR; CHILdren's real kid; ladies', 75 cents, $1, $1 25. Jouvin's first quality two button kids; cloth gloves, mittens, leggings, knitted drawers, &c. Ladies' and children's hosiery and underwear, at ELGEE'S, Nos. 880 and 882 Broadway, near 19th-st.

PROPOSALS.

FRESH BEEF AND VEGETABLES.

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES NAVY, No. 20 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS, indorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Vegetables," will be received at this office until 2 o'clock P. M., on FRIDAY, the 22d day of January, 1869, for the supply of 200,000 pounds of Fresh Beef and 200,000 pounds of Fresh Vegetables, at the Brooklyn Navy-yard and Station, as required. The Beef and Vegetables must be of good quality, and the best the market affords, and each article must be offered for by the pound. The Beef to be in equal proportions, fore and hind quarters.

Bonds, with approved security, will be required in one-half the estimated amount of the contract, and twenty per cent. in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of the contract, which will, on no account, be paid until it is fully complied with.

Every offer made must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within five days, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the articles proposed; the responsibility of the guarantors to be certified by the Assessor of Internal Revenue for the district in which they reside.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied, by such guarantee, and by satisfactory evidence that the bidder is a regular dealer in the articles proposed and has the means required by act of Congress.

It is to be understood that in case the stipulated quantity of either article shall be delivered, leaving a balance due on the contract for such article, the same may be considered as completed in full, at the option of the Department.

The Department reserves the right to reject any proposal not considered advantageous to the Government.

J. C. ELDREDGE,
Paymaster U. S. Navy at New-York.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 24, 1868.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for constructing the portion of the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad, between the cities of New-Orleans and Mobile, embracing about 2,650,000 cubic yards of earth-work, the delivery of materials for and construction of 4,500 lineal feet of truss bridging, 25,000 lineal feet of pile and trestle bridging, and for delivery of 400,000 cross-ties and other materials, will be received at the Company's office, in the City of New-Orleans, up to 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1869.

Maps and profiles of the line, plans of structures and approximate amounts of work to be done, will be exhibited at the same office, on and after December 10, 1868, and blank forms furnished for contracts, specifications, propositions, &c., &c.

All proposals to be addressed to Henry Van Vleck, Chief Engineer for the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, New-Orleans, La.

The Company reserves the right to reject any proposal which for any reason may be deemed unsatisfactory.

JAMES A. RAYNOR,
President N. O., M. and C. R. R. Co.
Office of the Company in New-York, No. 31 Pine-st.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—HORACE B. CLAFLIN, EDWARD S. EAMES and EDWARD W. BANCROFT, plaintiffs, against ARTHUR FORSHTEIN, defendant.—Place of trial City and County of New-York.—Summons for money demand on contract.—(Com. not ser.)—To the Defendant above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at his office, in the City Hall, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, No. 291 Broadway, in the said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty-one 94-100 dollars, with interest from the 27th day of July, 1868, besides the costs and disbursements of this action.—Dated New-York, Aug. 6, 1868.

BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys, No. 291 Broadway, New-York.

The complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, on the 2d day of January, 1869, nunc pro tunc, as of Aug. 13, 1868.

BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

CARRIAGES, VELOCIPEDES, SLEIGHS,
ALL STYLES; GREAT BARGAINS.
HARNESS, BELLS, ROBES, &c.
At warerooms of
CALVIN WITTY,
No. 658 Broadway.
A lot of second-hand Carriages for sale cheap.

NO SALE—SIX OR SEVEN YOUNG HORSES; a lady or child may drive or ride them; they will show for themselves. Apply at the stable corner of 4th-av. and 72d-st.

FOR SALE—A CARTMAN'S CART AT A BARgain; new and thoroughly built. Apply at No. 59 Lewis-st.

HORSE, TOP WAGON AND HARNESS, all in good order, for sale cheap; inquire, till sold, of JOHN AITON, grocer, No. 441 West 56th-st.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE.

THOSE VALUABLE STORES, NOS. 75, 77, 79 and 81 VESEY-ST., CORNER OF WASHINGTON, LONG OCCUPIED BY WETMORE & CO.

FOR PRICE AND TERMS APPLY ON THE PREMISES.

FOR SALE—A FINE FIVE-STORY CORNER store, on South-st., below Wall-st., 22x100. $75,000.

For Sale, Pine-st. Property.—The five-story stores, Nos. 92 and 94 Pine-st., near South-st., running through to Depeyster-st., about 23 feet wide each; will be sold together or separately. Price, $25,000 each. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

THIRD-AV.—A VALUABLE PLOT OF ground, well improved with stores and dwellings, on 3d-av., corner inclosed; size of ground, 100.5x110. For particulars, apply to
ALLEN & BROWN,
No. 96 Broadway.

A VALUABLE CORNER PROPERTY on Grand-st., containing three lots, east of the Bowery; improved.
For particulars, apply to
ALLEN & BROWN,
No. 96 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A FULL HALF BLOCK OF ground on 8th-av., running through to 9th-av., (20 lots,) fronting Central Park. Also, several desirable plots of lots on the Central Park and Boulevard.
Apply to
ALLEN & BROWN,
No. 96 Broadway.

FOR SALE—ONE OR MORE OF THOSE NEW four-story high-stoop brown-stone houses on the north side of 58th-st., between 7th and Madison avs.; finished in a very superior manner. Inquire of the owner, on the premises, (possession immediately,) JOHN C. SARES.

WATER FRONT—ON THE NORTH SIDE OF the Harlem River, east of the iron bridge, in plots from 100 to 1,000 feet front with any number of lots in rear to connect. Apply to LEWIS B. BROWN, No. 58 Broadway.

FIFTY-THIRD-ST., 150 FEET EAST of 5th-av., two lots, $28,000. Also, 26 acres and 12 acres in Westchester County, near the Iron Bridge, well situated for dividing into lots. Apply to
FRANK G. BROWN.

FOR SALE—THE FULL SIZE BROWN-STONE front house No. 14 West 17th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., three stories front and four stories rear; in good order and early possession. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

RARE CHANCE.—EIGHT LOTS OF ground, (25x100.5 each,) with large house, for sale, near the Circle on 56th-st. None but principals need apply to DAVID HOYT, No. 226 Cherry-st.; or W. GEMMOND, builder, 112th-st., near 4th-av.

TO INVESTORS.—FOR SALE, BELOW 14TH-st. and between 5th and 6th avs., a large plot of ground, through from street to street, with 12 good four-story dwellings. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE, OR TO LEASE FOR BUSIness purposes—The four-story brick house, No. 20 Union-place, east side Union-square, between 19th and 20th sts., 26x125. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROADWAY.—FOR SALE—A LOT 21.9x200, ON west side, near St. Nicholas Hotel, with possession May 1, 1869. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—FIFTEEN LOTS ON THE BOULEvard and 126th-st.; eighteen lots at Fort Washington, and seventeen acres at White Plains. Terms easy. G. LESPINASSE, No. 35 John-st.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR THREE-STORY BRICK tenement-houses Nos. 233, 235, 237 and 239 9th-st., between Avenues B and C. Apply to E. W. VAN VOORHIS, Jr., No. 33 Nassau-st.

FOR SALE.—A DOUBLE STORE IN MURRAY-st., near Church, 22x78. $30,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS OF GROUND, EACH 25x100, south side of 121st-st., 200 feet west of 10th-av. Apply at No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 8, first floor.

FOR SALE—A FINE FIVE-STORY CORNER store on South-st., below Wall-st.; 25x100; $75,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

A LIST OF HOUSES, BUSINESS PROPERTY, tenements and lots mailed free by STANLEY DAY, No. 220 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.—The three-story frame houses, with brick basement and sub-cellar, Nos. 2 and 4 Clark-st., corner Columbus; terms easy. For permits to see the houses apply at No. 117 Columbia-st., Brooklyn.

FOR SALE—LAND BY THE ACRE IN BROOKlyn: whole blocks, near Prospect Park and the new Boulevards; also, desirable building lots in all parts of the city. M. A. AULAND & CO., No. 5 Beekman-st., New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—AT PELHAM, WESTCHESTER County, N. Y., on the Sound

AFFAIRS IN GEORGIA.

Settlement of Plantation Accounts—The Compensation of the Freedmen—Their Treatment, Condition and Prospects—The "Cotton Mania"—Signs of General Prosperity—The Gloom of Politicians—The Negro Disturbances Near Savannah—Railroad Rivalry—A Combination Defeated.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MACON, Ga., Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869.

During the past ten days I have been traveling in Southwestern Georgia, the principal cotton-growing district in the State, with a view to judge for myself from personal observation, the feelings existing between the white employers and the black laborers, to witness the plantation settlements of accounts among the hands at the close of the year, and to form some idea of the agricultural and industrial prospects of the year which has just commenced. I happened to be present when several of the large planters were paying off their hands—dividing thousands of dollars among them—and paying each one in money, in addition to corn, peas, oats, fodder, and other produce, independent of provisions, houses, firewood and advances for clothes during the past twelve months, from $75 to $125. I had heard that the negroes were charged exorbitant prices for the articles advanced, and that thus they were, in many cases, swindled out of a large portion of their honest earnings. I therefore informed myself as to the market prices of the principal articles of food and clothing which freedmen purchase from their employers, and compared them with those charged on the plantation books, and in no instance did I see anything charged at a higher price than the market value of the day, without any charge for interest or any profit of any kind. The account of each hand was kept separate; his share of the crop ascertained; the several items of his account read over, and acknowledged or compared with a book in the possession of the hand in which all his purchases were charged as he made them, and the balance struck and paid to him, in good and lawful greenbacks. In some instances it was difficult to make the negroes comprehend what Mantalini called the "dimin ion total" of their purchases, and the subtraction of that amount from their cotton money, but after some trouble and a good deal of it ation, they comprehended it and were quite satisfied, expressing perfect satisfaction with their employers, with their "luck" and themselves, and hoping that they may "do as well another year." In no part of the world is the corresponding class of laborers as prosperous in a material sense as these negroes. Certainly not in the Old World, and I doubt very much whether the field laborers in the North and West, after defraying all their expenses and those of their families for a year, clear an average of $100.

I could see no disposition on the part of the planters to act unjustly or unkindly. On the contrary, I saw stoppages for lost time, breakages, and other forfeitures, remitted universally, and I heard none but kind words from both parties. Politics and voting were never named.

There are indications of a reluctance on the part of freedmen to contract for the next year. They have got the idea that freedom is not compatible with an obligation to work twelve months under the direction "of a white man." They recognize the necessity for labor, but want to work by the month or to "job about for awhile," and having ready cash in their pockets, do not *feel* the value of time. To some extent this feeling is attributable to a vague idea that something wonderful will happen when "Massa GRANT comes in," and that to enjoying that something to the highest degree it is essential not to be "tied down by no contract with a white man." In a few days, however, the store-keepers in the towns and villages will have got most if not all the negroes' money for brass-headed canes, accordions, flutes, fire-crackers, hoop skirts, waterfalls, and the grandest articles of female raiment, and when the money is out will return and contracts will be made. The long-mooted case of money-wages versus a share of the crop is still undecided. Wages would be the best mode of compensation in the interest of the planter if the negro would work, and the negro would be better satisfied and would sooner learn the value of money and of economy. But the share in the crop, dividing the risk and making the laborer's profit dependent on his industry, is found to be the safest and best.

An immense area will be planted in cotton next year. The incentive of 25 cents per pound is irresistible. Everyone is going to plant who has an acre of ground, and everyone seems confident that "cotton will never fall again below 20 cents." I am much afraid that provision crops will be neglected, and that the suffering of 1867 will be experienced again. But it is idle to talk or give advice. "Sell cotton at $1.00 a bale and buy corn at 75 cents or $1," is the invariable reply to the sagest counsel.

The mule drovers, who this time last year were the most disconsolate and disappointed set of men I ever saw, are now the most cheerful and contented. They have sold their stocks readily at high prices, and the cry is still they come. Good medium mules, from five to seven years old and broke, bring readily from $175 to $200. The dealers in fertilizers are very active. There are hundreds of phosphates, and superphosphates, ammoniated raw bones, and dry bones, and ground bones, and flour of bones advertised as "the very best manure for cotton." All sorts of guano, vastly superior to Peruvian, are offered for sale in every direction, and the newspapers are filled with flaming accounts of the surprising effects of these stimulants to production.

All this shows prosperity, and promises well, unless it is overdone. The eagerness to "go to work and make something" is universal. Arrangements are being made to erect several cotton and paper mills. The coal mines are being worked more extensively and more profitably than heretofore. Business in the towns and cities has not been so active since the war closed. Every one has money except the lawyers and the editors. Railroad enterprises seem every stage of embryo construction, from the bare project to the advertisement for proposals to build the first twenty miles. Politicians alone look gloomy, shake their heads, and are apprehensive, the Democrats fearing that the —— Congress will pass the Edmunds' bill or something like it, and the Bullock party fearing that Congress "won't do nothing."

The negro disturbances in the country round Savannah, in Chatham, Bryan and Liberty Counties, are much more serious than it was supposed at first. The negroes have virtually taken possession of the whole country, seized all the cotton and other movable property, expelled the owners and their families, murdering those who resist, and ill-treating and insulting all. The tales from that section which are told by those who have made their escape are really terrible. Allowing for great exaggeration from alarm, as well as ill-will, the condition of affairs is very serious. The negroes are organized, have picketed all the avenues of approach, forbid egress or ingress, and declare that they mean to hold the country against all comers. It is well authenticated that they have committed several atrocious murders, and that indignities have been offered to white women which have been worse than death. The military have gone to aid the civil authorities, but the report is that the negroes are not going to yield without a fight. Of course they will be subdued, and that quickly; but the danger is, that having once learned their power, and the force of organization, they may have set an example which others may imitate, and which will result in much suffering and trouble, as well as loss of life. The loss of property in consequence of the Ogeechee disturbance has been very large.

The attempt by the Central Railroad and the City of Savannah, by combination of money and influence, to control all the railroads in Southern Georgia and kill every enterprise that is not tributary to the success of the Central Road and Savannah, has failed for the present. the Courts having enjoined the proposed arrangements, which were designed to destroy the Atlantic and Gulf and the Macon and Brunswick Railroads. QUONDAM.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Annual Report of the Metropolitan Board of Health—The Mortality of the Past Year—The Tenement House Law—Foundlings and Nurseries.

The third annual report of the Metropolitan Board of Health, for the year included between Nov. 1, 1867, and Oct. 31, 1868, has just been published, and from its pages we present the following as the most interesting points made known:

During the year no epidemic diseases have prevailed in the district. The most notable fact has been the mortality among young children, especially of those under one year of age, and this has been so great as to arrest serious attention and to lead to the inquiry whether the management of them is not radically wrong, and the deaths out of proportion to the known causes which exist to endanger their lives. The following table will indicate the mortality of children under one year of age, compared with the general mortality, for every week of the year:

NEW-YORK MORTALITY, BY WEEKS, 1868.

Week in the year.	Mortality under one year.	Total mortality.	Week in the year.	Mortality under one year.	Total mortality.
1st	168	658	27th	388	614
2d	136	441	28th	519	1,142
3d	134	414	29th	368	781
4th	100	379	30th	353	736
5th	115	402	31st	363	721
6th	124	448	32d	901	646
7th	91	448	33d	308	732
8th	132	437	34th	365	696
9th	113	482	35th	328	699
10th	130	464	36th	247	569
11th	124	412	37th	181	515
12th	126	480	38th	156	454
13th	121	463	39th	155	472
14th	143	472	40th	138	423
15th	152	509	41st	141	424
16th	105	483	42d	122	369
17th	126	453	43d	112	380
18th	104	452	44th	86	336
19th	121	440	45th	81	334
20th	115	407	46th	76	336
21st	110	408	47th	77	388
22d	96	348	48th	88	350
23d	107	392	49th	88	324
24th	107	387	50th	103	335
25th	107	427	51st	132	369
26th	147	413	52d	101	367

From this table, it will be perceived that from one-fourth to one-half of the whole mortality is to be found among children under one year of age, and it is acknowledged that in some portions of the City, eighty per cent. of the mortality occurs in the infant population.

DR. HARRIS' RETURNS.

The Registrar's report shows that 25,459 deaths occurred in the City and County of New-York in the year that ended on the 1st of October last; and that there were 9,618 deaths in Brooklyn in the same period. Though these totals show a slight increase in the aggregate mortality in the two cities, the increase is by no means as great as the medical officers justly feared it would be, in consequence of the increase in population and the excessive temperature of the Winter and the Summer. The Registrar states that no Summer in the previous forty years was as hot, damp and unhealthful as the last season. The total number of deaths by the diarrhœal diseases in New-York amounted to 3,836, and the zymotic or ferment diseases amounted to 7,581. In Brooklyn the former amounted to 1,675, and the total of the latter class of deaths was 3,042. The greater portion of this lamentable mortality occurred in the hot months. And although it did not equal the amount of mortality which this class of maladies gave in the corresponding months of 1866, it was great enough to cause interest to be felt, and lead to the adoption of virilant measures to hold in check whatever sources of these disorders that could be reached.

COMPARISON OF DEATHS IN WARDS.

Wards.	1867. Total No. of Deaths.	1867. Deaths by Zymotic Diseases.	1868. Total No. of Deaths.	1868. Deaths by Zymotic Diseases.
Fourth	767	187	691	186
Sixth	829	274	736	184
Seventh	1,111	347	1,074	297
Sixteenth	1,005	268	990	231
First	460	158	527	149
Fifth	691	161	681	149
Twenty-second	1,324	428	1,556	499

The fact that the death rates can and do steadily decrease in such wards as the Fourth, Sixth and Fifteenth, under the influence of sanitary care, is full of encouragement and promise, while the causes that now hinder such improvement in the First and Twenty-second Wards in a sickly Summer have already been so carefully investigated that the needed reforms cannot long be delayed. The Register shows very conclusively that local evils, pertaining to the drainage and sewerage, and to ascertained sources of atmospheric contamination, and toward which this Board is giving its utmost efforts for sanitary improvement, are chargeable with the excess of mortality that occurred last Summer in the wards which showed least improvement in the death-rate. The average deaths-rate in the entire City in the year ending on the 1st of October is estimated at 25.45 in the 1,000 inhabitants, or 25,450 in 1,000,000. The rate of mortality in Brooklyn is not less than 2 in 1,000 less than in New-York. The Registrar's report in one of these death-rate comparisons with those of previous years, as well as with those of other cities. This Board has encouraged the most searching and faithful inquiry into the removable and local causes of mortality, and it is now reaping the advantages which arise to its effective working by having the unhealthful districts under constant observation. A separate special history of deaths in tenement-houses is made up week by week in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and the number and causes of deaths in every such house constitute important elements in sanitary maps, which are prepared for the use of the Board and its officers, as well as for future reference and analysis. It appears that during the nine months that have been footed up, in the present year, in a total mortality of 19,813, there were 11,671 deaths in tenement-houses in which three or more families reside in apartments rented by the month; while only 4,803 deaths occurred in all other kinds of dwellings, except public institutions—in which 3,439 persons died—most of whom also were taken to those institutions from the tenement-houses. By these and various other methods, in which the fatal operations of different kinds of disease are kept constantly mapped out, and under close observation, the Board enjoys the advantages of such discriminating studies upon the local and preventable causes of disease as are needed by sanitary officers. Indeed, the Bureau has, for the past two years and upward, practically illustrated the usefulness of this kind of discriminating study of the causes of sickness and mortality, and has shown that it is entirely practicable to attain the very desirable objects regarding which a distinguished teacher of Hygiene in Europe has truly said: "We want such returns of mortality as shall show clearly the variations of the death-rate, born from epidemic diseases and other causes, and among certain limited classes of the population and in certain limited localities, also any excess in the death-rate of these classes and localities as compared with that of the general population." The report of the Registrar shows how this end has been obtained.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE TENEMENT-HOUSE ACT.

Since the last report the attorney has been directed to commence 3,756 actions for penalties, in the name of this Board, against the owners, lessees or agents of tenement-houses, for violations of the provisions of chapter 908, Laws of 1867, known as the Tenement-house act. Of this number, 3,339 suits have been entered against owners, lessees or agents in the City of New-York, and 417 in the City of Brooklyn. An improvement in the health and comfort of the tenement-house population, and a decrease in the rate of mortality, must continue to be the result of the constant inspection by the officers of this Board of this class of dwellings, and of the thorough enforcement of the wise provisions of the Tenement-house act.

MARKETS, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND STREETS.

During the past year there has been no improvement in the sanitary condition of the public markets. They are old, dilapidated, unventilated, defective in proper drainage, and in every respect discreditable to the City of New-York. The recommendation, in former reports, that this part of the public property be sold for business purposes is renewed, and, if public markets are necessary, that they be located in parts of the City more accessible to the public. The slaughter-houses of the district have been frequently inspected, and such orders as were necessary to secure their cleanliness have been issued and enforced. It is confidently believed that during the next year they will be entirely removed from the densely-populated portions of the City, that they will be located in the immediate vicinity of the rivers, that their number will be largely reduced, and that the causes of complaint as to the manner of conducting this important business will be removed. There has been no change in the condition of the streets as regards their cleanliness. No improvement is anticipated during the existence of the present contract, as the contractor claims to have faithfully performed the duties imposed by its several provisions, without, however, securing to the public the results desired and expected. That the more thorough and frequent cleaning of the streets would be of incalculable benefit to the public health there is no question. From a small appropriation made by the Legislature of 1867 for that purpose, this Board has during the present year cleaned some of the most filthy streets and gutters in the lower part of the City.

RETURNS OF CORONERS.

The returns of deaths made by Coroners to the Bureau of Vital Statistics should be the most accurate and reliable of any received by that department. The law contemplates such accuracy, in conferring upon these officers power to make their investigations into the causes of death, thorough and exhaustive. But it appears from the report of the Registrar that the returns made by the Coroners are in general so inaccurate that it is impossible to give them a scientific classification. The examination of the bodies of the deceased are too frequently either omitted altogether, or so imperfectly executed as to give no definite results. And this is a growing evil in the Metropolitan District, which demands the immediate attention of the Legislature. Important ends of justice and the interests of science require that the violent and accidental deaths reported to the Coroners shall have the most prompt, thorough, impartial and intelligent investigation. This can be accomplished by giving this Board a more practical supervision of the duties of Coroners. It should have full power to require that all inquests be conducted in a manner to elicit every fact bearing upon the cause of death. Under the present system of popular election of Coroners, this is the most effectual remedy for the evil.

FOUNDLINGS AND NURSERIES.

The public evil, and the social and moral wrongs of illegitimacy, great as they are, are fearfully enhanced by the degrading and inhuman means resorted to, in the endeavor to conceal the shame of parentage. Direct infanticide, and a cruel neglect of children born out of wedlock, no less criminal than infanticide, are growing sins of our times, which demand the most serious consideration of public authorities and of benevolent organizations. Though these crimes against infantile life are chiefly perpetrated in large cities, yet interior towns, and even the rural districts, send their helpless victims to the lying-in houses of the abortionists and private asylums of *sage femmes* of the cities. In New-York, the illegitimate infants of the indigent classes receive the truly kind and enlightened care of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction. But there is a much larger class of homeless infants, whose parents resort to the most reprehensible means of concealing, and, if possible, of banishing the living evidences of their misfortune or crime. These parents and children become the unwilling and helpless victims of abortionists and keepers of private asylums and nurseries. How many of these nurseries exist in New-York and Brooklyn, and how many cases of infanticide annually occur in these cities, is unknown to the sanitary authorities. During the first year of the existence of this Board, its medical officers had made a catalogue of nearly fifty suspicious persons, and of as many places, and certificates of death made out by such persons, or at such houses, were refused until made the subject of investigation by a Coroner. But with all this precaution, these suspected persons have escaped conviction, and not one of these places where the double crimes of abortion and infanticide are committed have been closed. The Board has not been able with its present powers to ferret out and control this class of evils, although its officers have exercised their utmost vigilance to discover the criminals and their places of resort, and bring them to justice. In some of the most important cases brought to light the Courts have not enforced any penalties or restraints. Even in the noted case in West Seventeenth-street, which occurred in the early part of the Winter of 1868, no legal remedy was found, although the material facts were established by the affidavits of the parties who conducted the so-called nursery. The contracts for the care of the infants which had been the subjects of the Coroner's inquests, were made with unknown parties to the following effect, viz.: "To be kept and fed until the babe was adopted out or died." This contract was generally fulfilled by the death of the infant. In this single nursery, managed by a woman whose advertisements were conspicuous in the daily papers, no less than seven infants were found to have died in the course of a few weeks, and the cause of death was, in the opinion of competent medical witnesses, starvation. In view of these *facts*, this Board deems it a duty to represent to the Legislature the vital importance of such legislation as will develop and control measures for preventing the evils and crimes to which reference has been made. And on a subject so full of interest to the State at large, as well as of New-York and Brooklyn, have a deep and abiding interest. While every possible encouragement should be given the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, in their praiseworthy efforts to place the foundlings and infants under their charge, in the best possible condition for comfort, health, and development, other charities may well be founded devoted to the rescue, protection, and care of the unfortunate offspring of those who patronize private lying-in asylums and private nurseries. Such institutions should be placed under the guardianship of enlightened and philanthropic Boards, and carefully guarded against every form of abuse of administration. There should also be established a lying-in asylum for those unfortunate women who are about to give birth to illegitimate offspring. Such an institution might well form a branch of the public charities under the care of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction. It would not only do much to prevent infanticide, but would relieve much of the mental anguish of the victims of seduction, and save them from violent self-destruction and other crimes.

PUBLIC BATHS.

Personal cleanliness is universally and very justly regarded as essential to good health, and this is especially true of the poorer classes who are deprived of the necessary sources of personal uncleanliness. All trades render the atmosphere more or less impure and unwholesome by the necessary emanations, whether of dust or gases, and the body of the common laborer, in the open air, soon becomes enveloped in sweat and dirt, unless he has the means of ablutions. Important as personal cleanliness is to the health of the adult, it is of vital consequence to the young. The skin performs functions which cannot be interrupted without detriment to their proper growth and development. Personal cleanliness also leads to domestic cleanliness, in proportion as the members of a family have fixed habits of personal cleanliness, in that proportion will they strive to make their home and its surroundings clean. It is not an unfrequent occurrence to find in crowded tenement-houses, one or two families who struggle, in the midst of the all-pervading filth, to keep their apartments clean and wholesome, and observation proves that these families are accustomed to bathing. We can, therefore, but regard the establishment of public baths in New-York and Brooklyn as a great sanitary necessity. The laboring class of these cities have the requisite amount of means for personal cleanliness, even if they were disposed to do so; but they have been so long accustomed to filth on their persons and in and around their homes, that they have lost much of the sense of shame or disgust at their presence. But experience proves that this indifference to filth of the person and home is not inherent in any class. It grows out of a long process of training, and a want of proper facilities for securing baths. Wherever the experiment has been tried of establishing public baths, the result has been most encouraging. The poor have flocked to them in incredible numbers, and manifested an unmistakable desire for personal cleanliness. Public baths were erected in Boston, in 1866, and in 1867 twelve were in operation, at which 807,201 baths were given during the Summer months. Similar baths have also been erected in other cities, as in St. Louis, Mo., Cincinnati, Ohio, Pittsburg, Penn., Detroit, Mich., and with the same gratifying results.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bellows at Cooper Institute.

These meetings are established in accordance with a resolution adopted at the recent General Convention of Unitarians in this City; a resolution suggested by the "theatre meetings" in Boston and Providence. A printed order of exercises is distributed each evening containing the hymns to be sung. The choir consists of an excellent quartet. The first meeting took place yesterday evening, and attracted a congregation large enough to fill the hall.

Rev. Dr. BELLOWS preached from the text: "Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?"—2d Kings, 4th chapter, 26th verse. After picturing the scene where these words were originally uttered by Elijah's servant to the Shunamite woman, the preacher went on to depict the feelings associated with them at all times. He contrasted the careless indifference of their ordinary use with the wide range of associations which attach to them when their full signification is considered. Referring to the body alone, they are not unimportant. Bodily health is generally the necessary condition of mental and moral welfare. Half the irritability, sullenness and ill-temper in the world comes from eating indigestible food and neglecting hygienic precautions. It is the first religious duty of voluntary invalids to get well. There is nothing of which a man or woman of good constitution ought to be more ashamed than of being sick. But "How are you?" involves an inquiry into something more than mere bodily health. Physical well-being, with its vigor and elasticity, symbolizes a similar moral condition. The health of the soul is the activity and coöperation of the spiritual energies. Such a state is one of peace. There is no remorse which corresponds to the inflammation of the body; there is no indifference which corresponds to loss of appetite. These are diseases of the soul. When the mental powers are developed at the expense of the soul, a rush of blood to the head and intellectual apoplexy results. Living on excitement, devotion to the frivolous pursuits of life, is moral fever. A man or woman who is all intellect, or all conscience, or all heart, or ambition, or calculation, is a monstrosity. Selfishness is a tumor, greed a dropsy, ostentation an eruption. It is people afflicted with these moral diseases which afford instances of sudden and catastrophic ruin which ought not to surprise any more than an apoplectic stroke in a high liver. Viewed in this light, "How are you?" becomes a solemn question. Let this question hereafter be like the stroke of the brakeman's hammer on the car-wheels, eliciting the clear ring of soundness or the smothered sound, which denotes a fracture. "How do you do?" is a less important consideration. It is not so much to do well as to be well, though doing well in its best sense indicates well-being. But, alas! how much doing there is that is the *undoing* of all concerned. Many must answer the question with, "I do only mischief," or "I do what I choose," or "I do the will of the times and fashions," or "I do nothing." We should put these questions to ourselves in their full import, and answer them to ourselves and to God. They should sound to us like the voice of Divinity.

The "Morning Star" Sunday School.

About three months since, several gentlemen, under the sanction of the New-York Sunday School Union, with Dr. R. P. PERRY as their Leader and Superintendent, determined on starting a new Mission School, in the vicinity of Eighth-avenue. After looking about for a room in which to hold their school, they finally succeeded in renting one of the large halls in Pike's Opera House. A lease was carefully drawn up and signed, covering a period of three years, and stands recorded in the Register's office at the City Hall. The school being commenced and liberally supported by many of our most influential citizens, has had, during its short career, most unprecedented success. Some of the largest and most interesting Sunday School gatherings that have taken place in the City have occurred recently under the auspices of this school. Yesterday morning this flourishing school received a most unexpected interference on the part of the present owner of the property known as "Pike's Opera House." The school children gathered at the usual time, 9 o'clock A. M., and found the doors closed against them and the Janitor instructed not to open the building. Several hundred children and their teachers were compelled to go home disappointed. Mr. LOPPEMORE, the Superintendent of the building, having been found would give no reason why the school should not be admitted to their room. A demand was then made by the Superintendent of the school that the door be opened in season for the afternoon session. At 2 o'clock there was another gathering of the school, and finding the doors still closed against them, an impromptu meeting was then organized on the sidewalk, and resolutions were unanimously adopted denouncing the action of the owner of the property, and resolving to take such action to maintain or recover their rights as may be necessary.

Sunday School Convention.

The first of a seven days' series of Sunday School Conventions at Grace Chapel, in Fourteenth-street, took place last night. After the usual evening Episcopal service, Rev. Dr. CARTER, of the Church of the Holy Saviour, related several interesting proofs of the advantages of Sunday Schools, and stated that they were first opened in this country between the years 1791 and 1795, without saying in what city, or by whom. The mother of Rev. Dr. BETHUNE, he said, commenced a school of this kind between the years 1801 and 1804, locality not given, and in it trained her son, who subsequently became a very able and popular preacher. The speaker remarked that he remembered in his boyhood, about thirty to thirty-five years ago, when there were but nine Episcopal Churches in New-York, and that the children of all the Sunday Schools in the City collected on one occasion in St. Paul's Chapel. They numbered but from five to six hundred. At present, they amount to 121,000, both public and private schools, yet there are still 42,000 children ungathered into the fold.

Rev. Dr. MONTGOMERY, of the Church of the Incarnation, followed in a short address, which he prefaced by remarking that Rome had no Sunday Schools in this City, as such are understood by Protestants, but had a number of parochial schools in which religious instruction was given. He then contrasted the doctrines of the Episcopal and Baptist Churches with regard to baptism, after which he dwelt in a varied manner upon the importance of Sunday Schools to the young, and the trifling spiritual opportunities afforded to children at home, owing to the indifference or preoccupation of parents.

THE ROGERS MURDER.

The Mayor's Last Effort—Fanciful Notions and Reported Facts—The Pursuit and the Pursuers.

Nineteen days have elapsed since the murder of CHAS. M. ROGERS, and not only is the assassin still at large, but the authorities yesterday, for the third time, made public proclamation of the fact that they are blindly groping in pursuit of him. This third confession was the most prominent of all, and stares at the passer-by from every wall and fence in all that section of the City infested by the Nineteenth-street gang. It is in the shape of a large placard, signed by Mayor HALL, and approved by District-Attorney GARVIN. It begins with three head-lines, in huge capitals, asking these questions: "Who wrote this envelope? Who carried it? Who knows anything about it?" Then follows a wood-cut of the envelope, and a *fac simile* of the direction. It is, of course, not possible to reproduce that in these columns, but the superscription can be given by the types. It is thus:

JAMES LOGAN
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The handbill, after stating that it is an ordinary buff envelope, proceeds to invite TOM, or some one knowing him or knowing of the letter to call on the District-Attorney at his residence, where he or she will be confidentially dealt with. A reward of not less than $250 nor more than $1,000 is held out for any information that may be given. The handbill concludes with a copy of the Mayor's proclamation, offering a reward of $3,000 to the passive participant in the murder if he will come forward and be a witness.

This placard was perused yesterday by thousands, and as it had been adroitly prepared in a sensational style to rivet the attention of the class to which it appealed, it seemed to create more excitement in that particular locality than any other incident connected with the murder. While it plainly shows the means by which the officials who originated it hope to penetrate the mystery that has so long baffled the Police, there is no proof as yet that these means will prove effectual.

The members of the Nineteenth-street gang who happen to be out of State Prison read the handbill in common with everybody else, and so far as their sayings were obtainable, unanimously agreed that the Mayor "wouldn't get to it that way," by which expression they declared their belief that no one of themselves would do anything to bring the murderer to justice. These outlaws considered themselves a particularly aggrieved set of rascals by the recent publication of their characteristics and achievements, and READY, the leader of the haunts, yesterday evening expressed his extreme dissatisfaction with a Police officer whom he taxed with "giving him away" to the newspapers, but who had in reality done nothing of the sort. This same READY at the time declared to the officer, "I know who you want for that murder, and I can bring him in any time in an hour, but I won't." The officer knew the man so well that he was entirely convinced that this was the frothiest kind of gasconade. Had such as he not been the spokesman of it he would have been placed in custody to await a cross-examination.

The outlaws generally are excessively talkative in regard to the pursuit of Mr. ROGERS' assassin, and apparently to some purpose, for they have convinced some of the detectives that certain queer things are incontestible facts. For instance, the "pals" of the suspected man have asserted that "Tom" is not more than one day's distance from the City, and is ready at any time to come here and deliver himself up on a charge of murder, provided the proper authorities will promise that he shall not be sent back to Sing Sing to serve out his term. They thus represent him as in hiding from a dreaded return to State Prison, but in no degree fearful of the results to himself should he be tried for the ROGERS' assassination. These same "pals" assert in their peculiar phraseology, and with great emphasis that "TOM jumped away" from town within two days from the time he "jumped" from prison, and hence that he had not been in the City for some weeks prior to the murder.

The argumentative and emphatic "pals" having made some officials believe that they have for once been guilty of telling the truth, these believers in the miracle have caught at another shadow. They reject the use of the envelope entirely in the search for the murderer, and if their theory become the dominant one, every dark-haired, dark-complexioned man of small stature, who happened to have his last hand bandaged on the morning of the 31st day of December will be liable to arrest. This somewhat startling theory is founded solely on the discovery of some blood stains on the lining of the sleeve of the coat the victim tore from his assassin, and which it is argued, must have been caused by the sleeve passing over a cut in the hand of the assailant. There is no proof whatever that these stains did not come from the sleeve having fallen into the blood of ROGERS on the pavement, nor is there any evidence that the assassin inflicted a wound upon himself—ROGERS had no knife to cut him with—but the assumptions noted answer very well to build a shaky theory upon, and are nurtured accordingly.

Wilder ideas even than this are floating through some police brains. Some men reject the theory altogether, and find in the homicide a deeply planned and therefore a fully premeditated murder. ROGERS, say they, had several desperate thieves sent up for thefts at the St. Nicholas Hotel, and hence there were some desperate men who owed him a grudge. This and similar theories, however, are only noticed as evidences of how completely the case has befogged the average police intellect.

All the arrested persons, except GALLAGHER and MUNDAY, who have been discharged from the House of Detention, yet remain in custody; but the desired "squeal" had not come, nor has the power of any of them to say anything pertinent to the case been established. It must be assumed, however, that the three LOGANS and TALLAND knew something, if they choose to speak, for they yet remain in custody.

The Brooklyn Mercantile Library.

The new building of the Brooklyn Mercantile Library Association will be thrown open this evening. It is the neat Gothic structure of Philadelphia brick and Nova Scotia stone trimmings opposite the Academy of Music, in Montague-street. The interior of the building, while simple in appearance, presents the visitor with the idea of that magnificence which is accompanied with a proper regard to usefulness as well as ornament. As you enter the edifice, and after admiring the merits of the portal and hall, the floor and the ceiling, the ladies' classroom opens on the right. On the left is the ladies' reading-room. This opens on the main reading-room, which extends the entire width of the building, seventy-five feet. The library above is supported by columns, the appearance of which is somewhat relieved by the appropriate manner in which the good service of paint has made them correspond with the walls, ceiling, floor, and other ornamentation surrounding them. The furniture is all made after appropriate designs furnished by the architect, and it combines simplicity, beauty and usefulness. On the second floor is the trustees' room on the right front, and the room for giving out the books on the left. The stairway, which is of oak, has long steps, which are broad and heavy. Excepting the space occupied by the two rooms alluded to, the whole of the second floor is devoted to the main floor of the library. Besides the main floor, the library has galleries around which are ample shelves loaded with books. Under the galleries, on the main floor, are alcoves, each with a small gallery running around it. The gaslight arrangements are excellent, and the appearance of the library at night is one of unusual brilliancy and grandeur. The architect seems to have left nothing undone that was calculated to improve the appearance of the interior or any detail belonging to it, and all of them are in perfect harmony. In this respect the Library building is a thorough success. The want of space renders it necessary to make this notice brief; otherwise a more satisfactory description might have included some details of the painstaking apparent in the laying on of color, and in the arranging of fixtures and furniture. The architect is P. B. WIGHT, New-York; builder, JOHN FRENCH; carpenter, J. VAN RIPER; iron-work, JACOB OUTWATER, all of Brooklyn; gas fixtures, M. F. CORBIN & Co., New-York; plumbing and gas-fitting, ARMSTRONG & BLACKLIN, Brooklyn; furniture, WM. HUNT & SON, New-York; heating, BAKER & SMITH, New-York; tile-work, MILLER & COATES, New-York.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner ROLLINS, at No. 3 Dover-street, over the remains of MARY ELLEN EGAN, aged five months, whose death had been caused by suffocation in consequence of being overlain by her mother. The jury exonerated the mother by a verdict of accidental death.

Coroner ROLLINS held an inquest yesterday, at the New-York Hospital, over the remains of WILLIAM LINTON, a hack-driver, aged 30, whose death was the result of a fractured thigh, sustained a few days ago by a fall from a stoop in Leonard-street.

A genteel-looking middle-aged man called on Saturday at the private hotel, No. 42 Clinton-place, kept by CHARLES LEWLEN, and engaged a room, situated on the third floor and looking out on University-place. He sent in a large bag and trunk, and ate a hearty dinner. Yesterday morning, at 2 o'clock, a lady awaked and heard somebody in her room, when she aroused her husband, who gave an alarm. The intruder scuttled away, and no trace could be obtained to his identity. About 7 o'clock the new boarder left the house with his overcoat on his arm and bade the domestic who was sweeping "good bye" as he did so. At a later hour it was discovered that several rooms had been entered during the night, and that a large amount of property had been stolen. One gentleman lost $1,000 worth of diamond jewelry and a pocket-book containing $84, another lost a coat, two or three ladies missed some valuable trinkets, and nearly all the occupants of that floor sustained losses. When the stranger's room was examined the bag and trunk had disappeared, and it is supposed that the thief lowered it out of the window to his "pals." The Fifteenth Ward Police have the matter in hand.

At 6:30 o'clock last evening a fire occurred at No. 121 Walker-street, in the rear of the first floor, occupied by JAMES WALLEN as a carpenter-shop, who sustained a loss of $500; no insurance. The front portion of the first floor is occupied by F. HARDLER as a tailor-shop; loss $200; no insurance. The second floor is occupied by J. H. WRIGHT as a pattern and model shop, loss $800; insured. The third floor is occupied by WARNER & SON, writing desks, loss $100, no insurance; RYAN & COSTELLO, batters, loss $75; and P. SCHENENBERRY, silver plater, loss $25. The building is owned by CHARLES E. HARTSHORN; damage $800. The flames extended to No. 123, owned by P. FISCHER, who lives up stairs; loss $1,200. The first floor is occupied by C. HARTMAN, tailor; loss $300; insured in the Niagara Company for $500.

Three kerosene oil lamp explosions occurred last evening in the City. One was at the Frankfort House, No. 202 William-street, and caused considerable confusion but no damage. The second was at No. 291 Front-street, while MARY SHIELDS was filling a lamp; no damage was occasioned. The third occurred at No. 340 Bowery, in charge of the establishments of THOS. TRACY, who had a carpet damaged.

Officer ALLISON, of the Fifteenth Precinct Police, discovered a flickering light in the store of SIEGFRED DOBLIN, at No. 394 Bowery, at 6 o'clock last evening. He forced open the door and discovered that a hole had been bored in the leaden gas-pipe, and the escaping gas lighted. As the pipe was rapidly melting, and the meter near by, the evident intention was to set fire to the whole, and it was only the prompt attention of the officer that frustrated the alleged attempt. Mr. DOBLIN was arrested on his arrival at the store by the officer, on a charge of arson, and is detained to await the action of Fire-Marshal BRACKETT. His stock is insured for $10,000 in the Astor, Liverpool and London, Mechanics and Traders, Market and Tradesmen's.

Officer GAVICAN, of the Fourteenth Ward Police, found a box containing 100 clock dials, marked "Seth Clock Company, Thomaston, Conn.," yesterday, in the rear of No. 116 Baxter-street. The property had evidently been stolen, and awaits a claimant.

Officer FELIX HAYES, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, found the dead body of a female infant yesterday, wrapped up in some rags and hidden behind some boards in Washington-street, near Cortlandt. Coroner ROLLINS commenced an inquest, when DR. JOHN BEACH made a *post-mortem* examination. He ascertained that deceased had been born alive and was of full growth. The umbilical cord had been roughly torn from the body, and traces of violence were discernible on the neck. In the doctor's opinion death was the result of strangulation. The case has been laid over until Tuesday to permit of further investigation.

From the Central Park Meteorological Report for the week ending Jan. 16, it appears that the mean height of the barometer was 29.972; maximum at 2 P. M. of Jan. 13, 30.264; minimum at 7 A. M. of Jan. 13, 29.808. Range, .456. The mean of the thermometer was 35.01; maximum at 8 P. M., Jan. 10, 43.00; minimum at 3 A. M., Jan. 13, 26.00. Range, 17.00. Rain fell on the 10th, 11th and 15th inst.; total amount for week, .90 inch.

LOUIS VOSS, aged 26, was severely handled in a scuffle with some unknown person, on Saturday night, and sent to Bellevue Hospital.

Chief Engineer KINGSLAND discovered a fire yesterday morning on the third floor of No. 191 Chrystie-street, occupied by the New-York Wooden Pipe Company. By the efforts of the firemen it was speedily extinguished, with a damage of $200.

Mr. EDWARD CARSWELL, the temperance orator, will speak at the Methodist Church in Eighty-sixth-street this evening. Rev. J. H. BRODT will preside. The seats are free.

The flags on the Fire Department buildings will be displayed at half-mast to-day, as a mark of respect to the memory of Inspector LEONARD.

A gang of burglars made an attempt, on Saturday night, to enter the store of J. D. EDREHI, at No. 50 New Bowery, when they were alarmed by the approach of a policeman and ran off.

A male infant was found early yesterday morning in the alley-way of No. 9 Dover-street and cared for by the Police.

At 4:30 P. M. yesterday a fire broke out in the cellar of the drain-pipe factory of NONAIS & MILLER, No. 229 East Forty-first-street. It was caused by a coal-bin catching fire from the furnace. Damage slight.

Coroner KEENAN held an inquest yesterday, in the prison attached to the Jefferson Market Police Court, over the remains of PATRICK MCDERMOTT, aged 45, a native of Ireland, and residing in